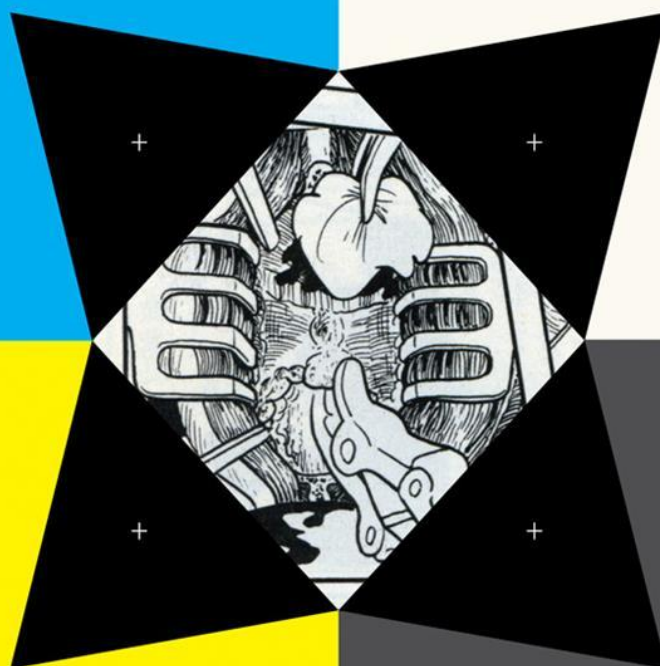




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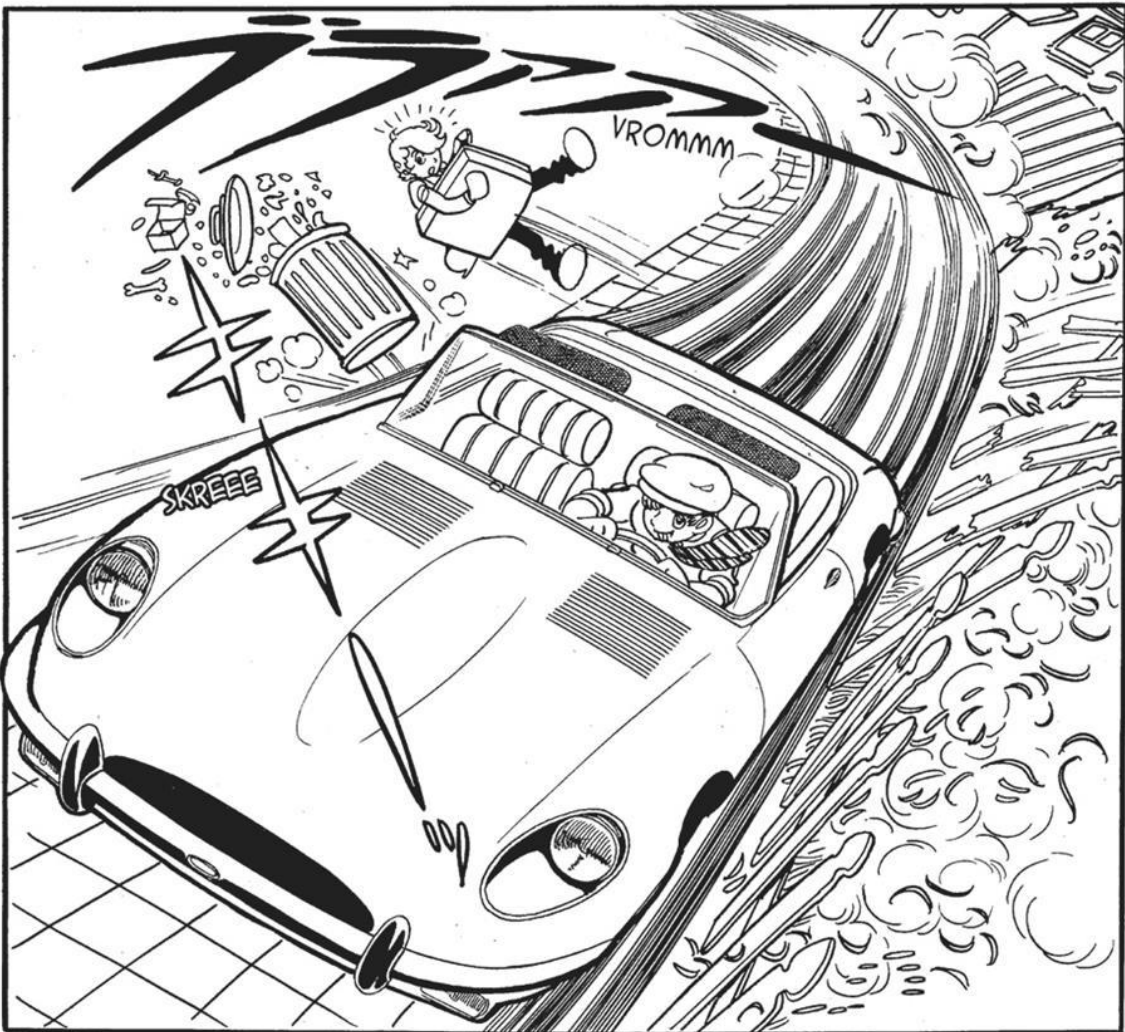
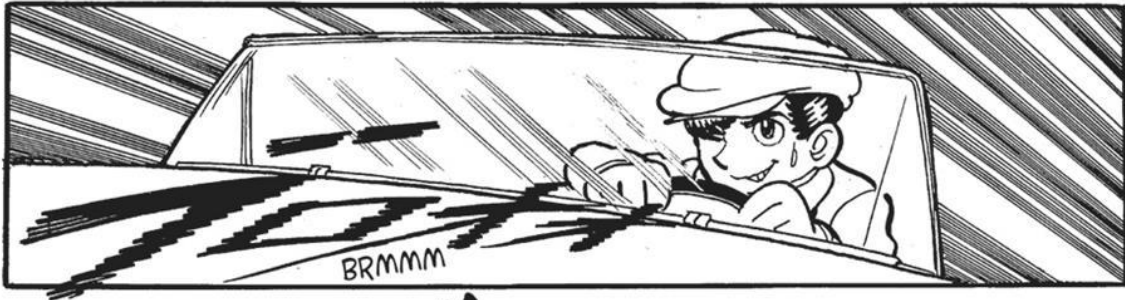
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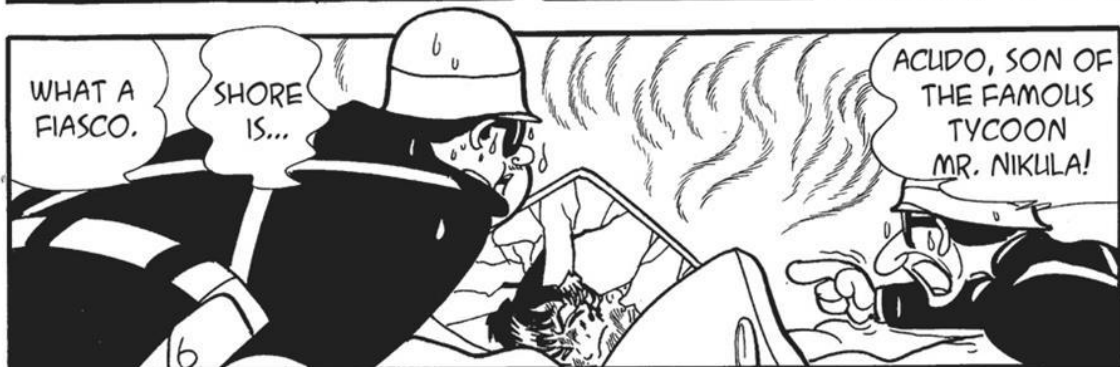
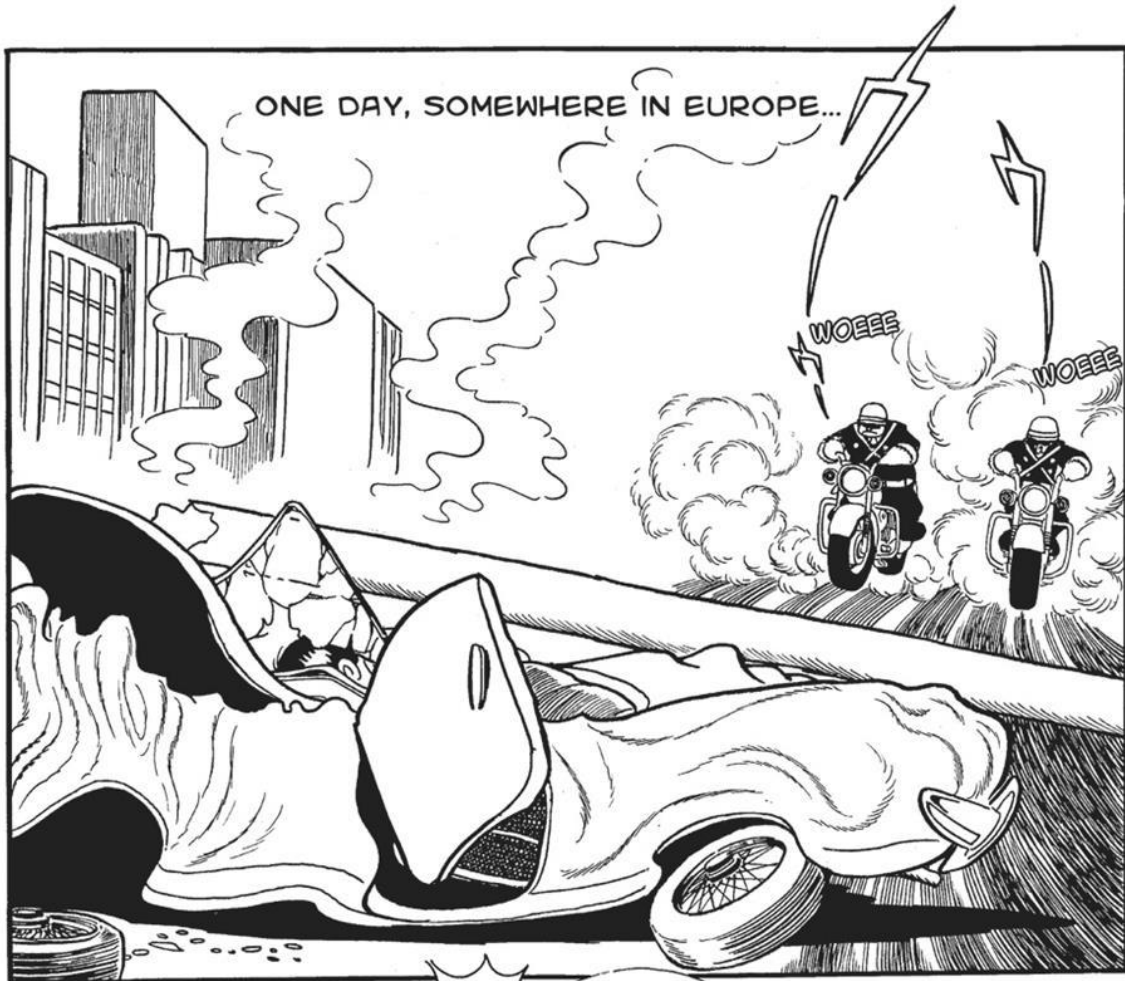
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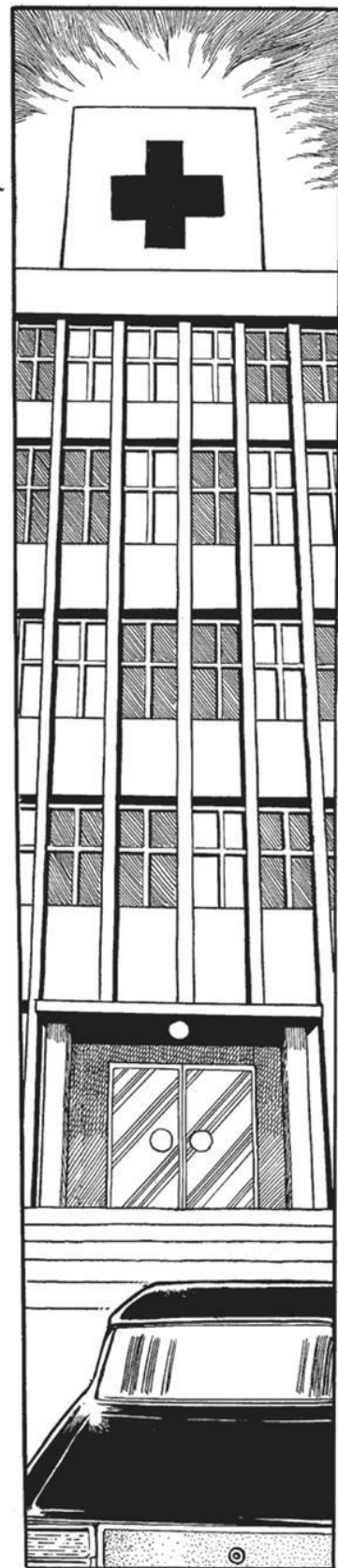
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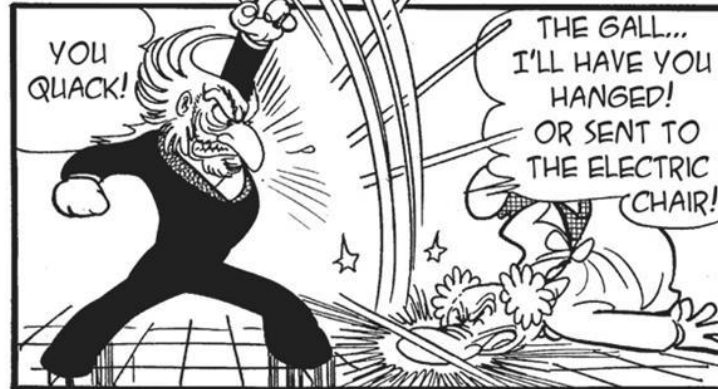
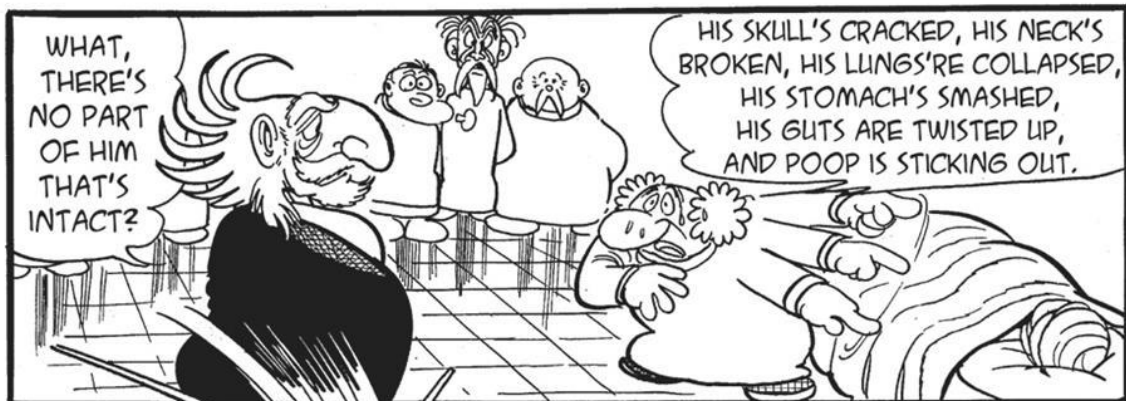
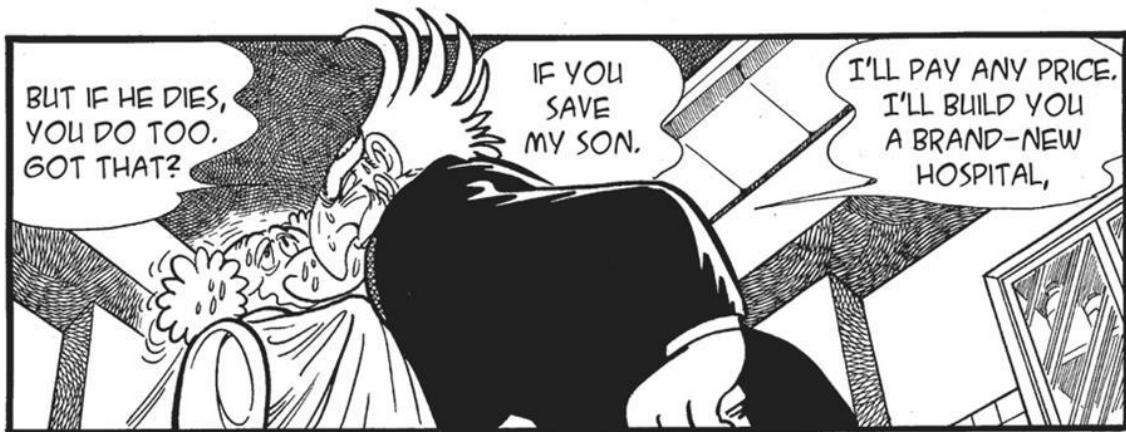


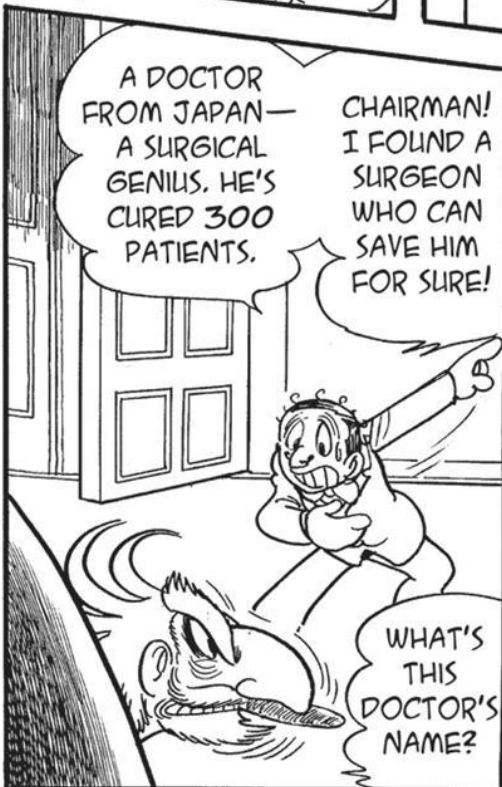
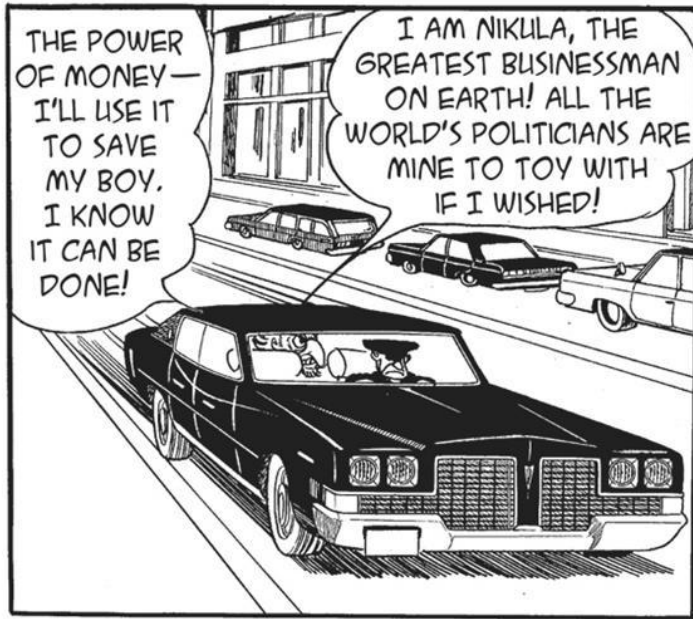


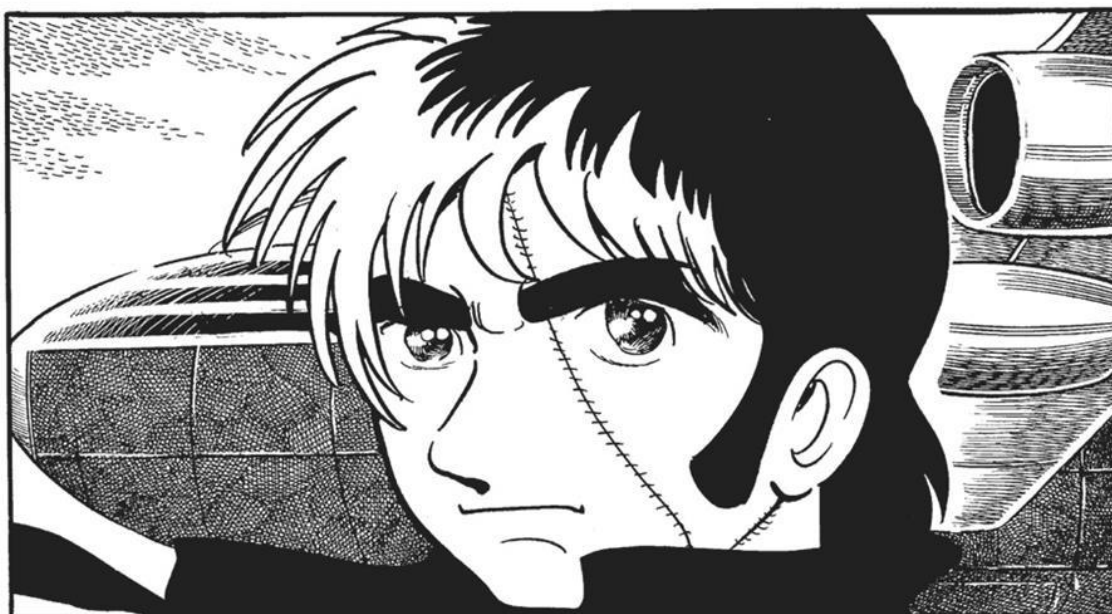
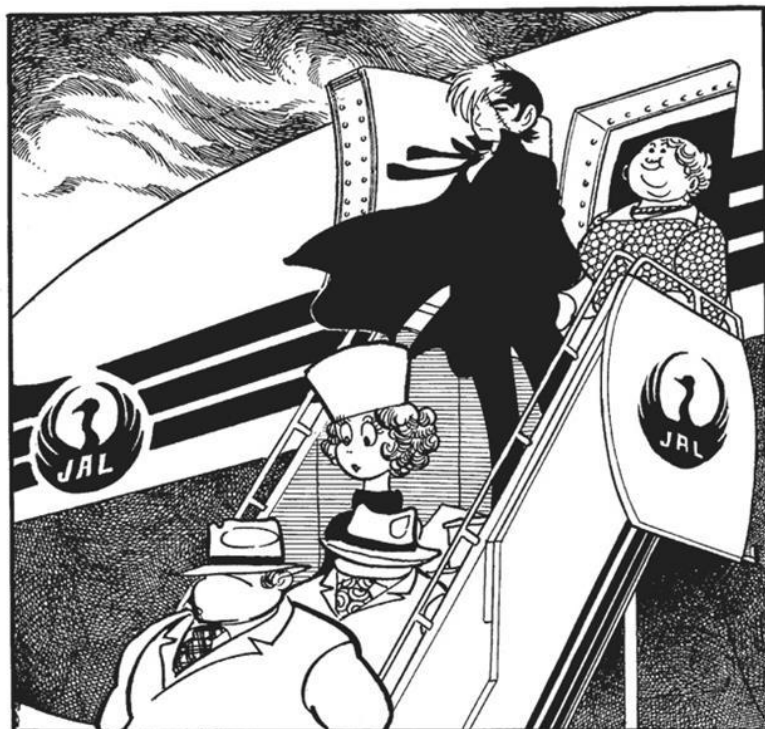
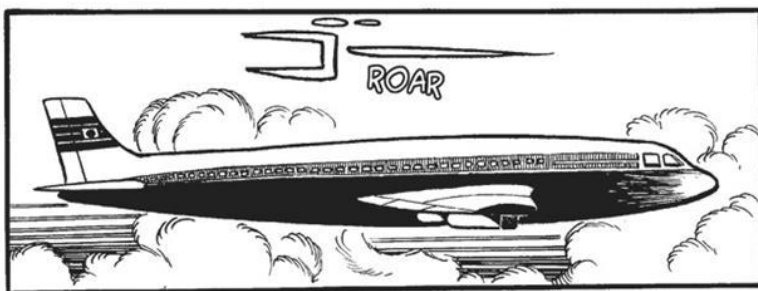


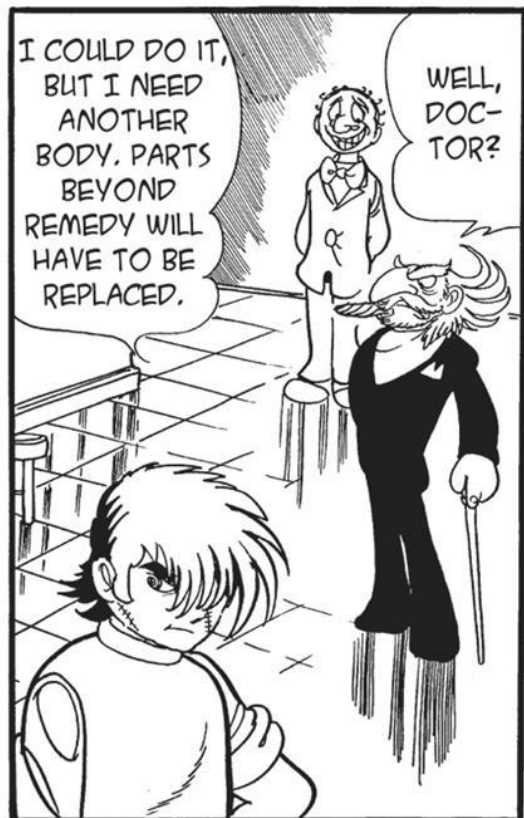
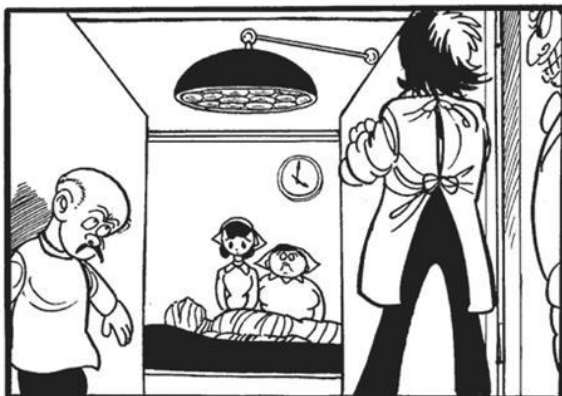
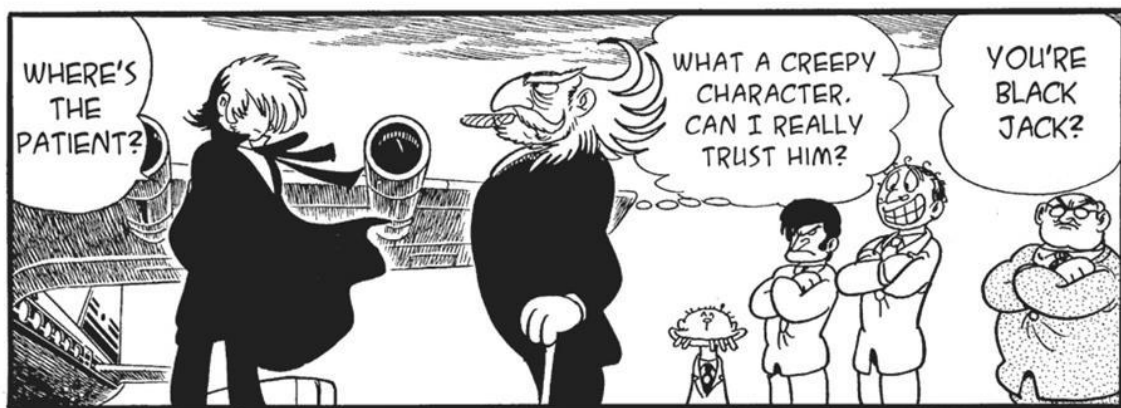
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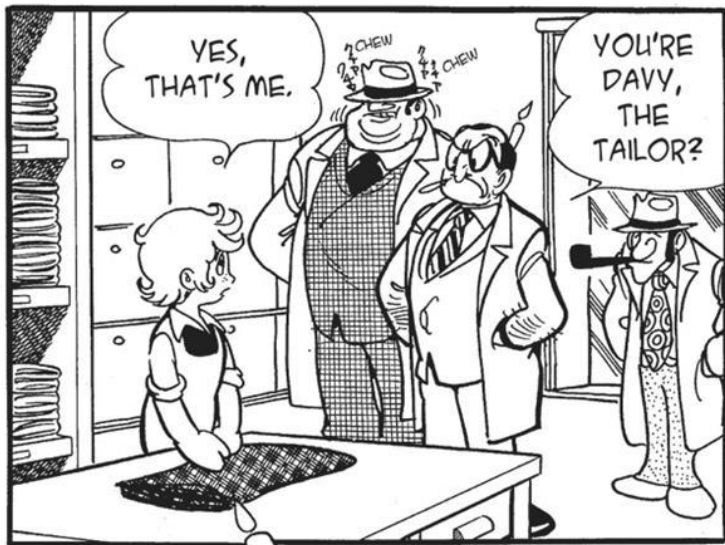
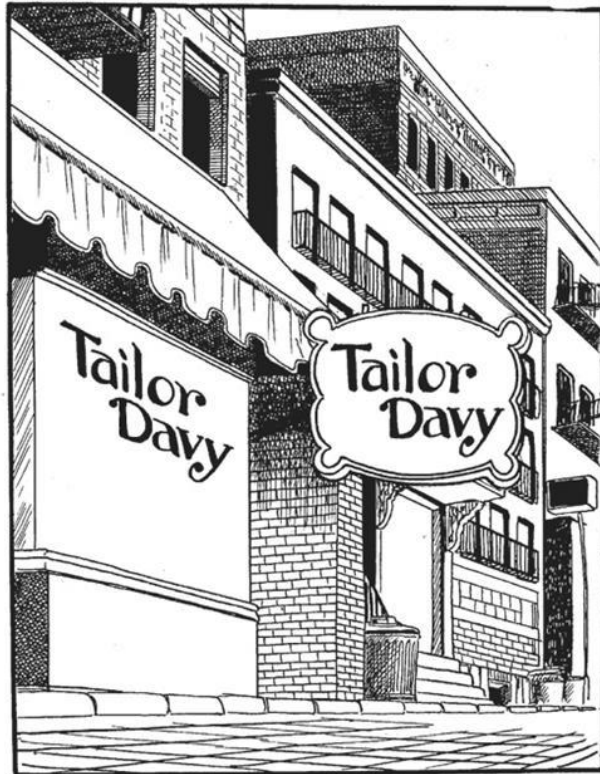






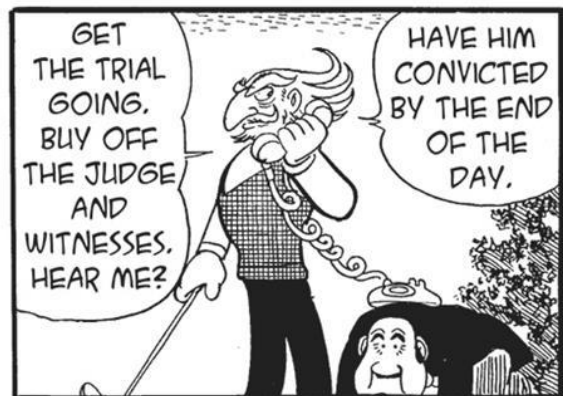
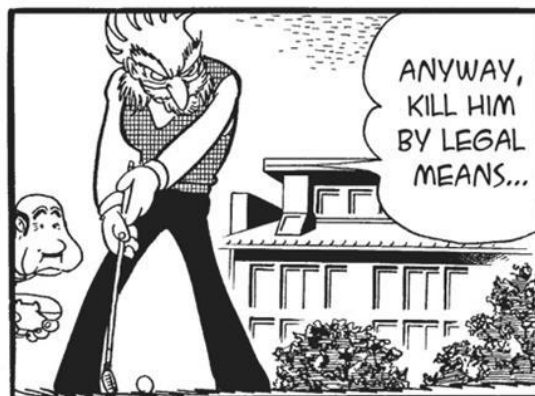
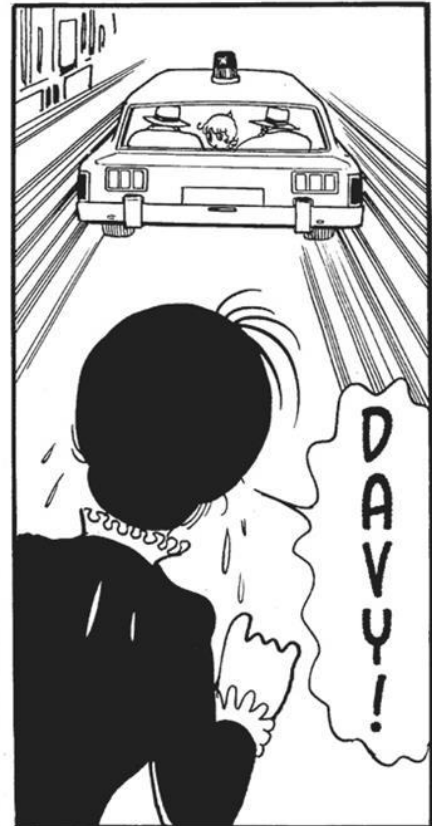
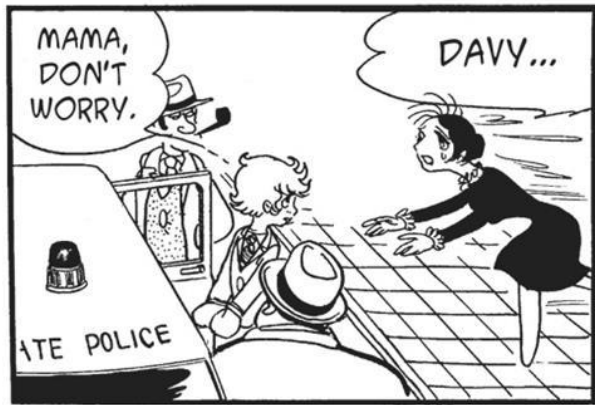


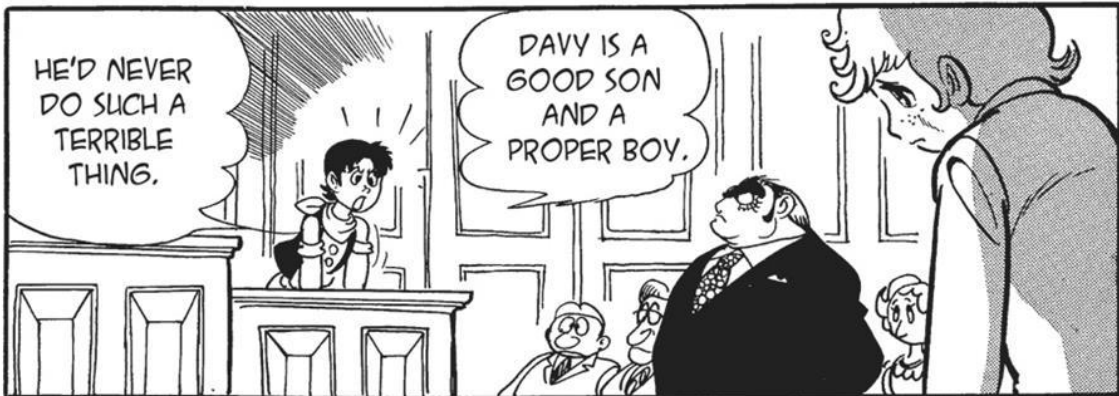
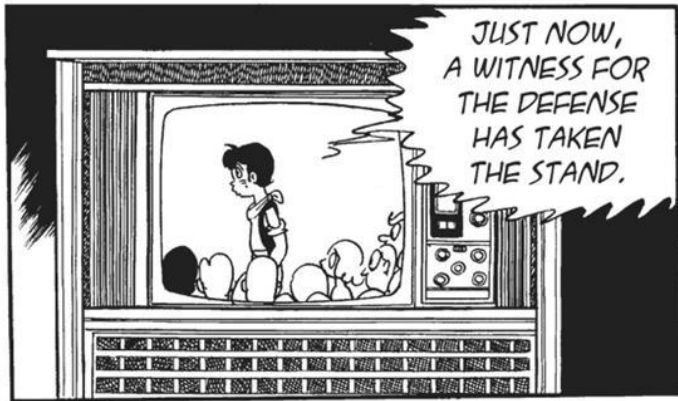


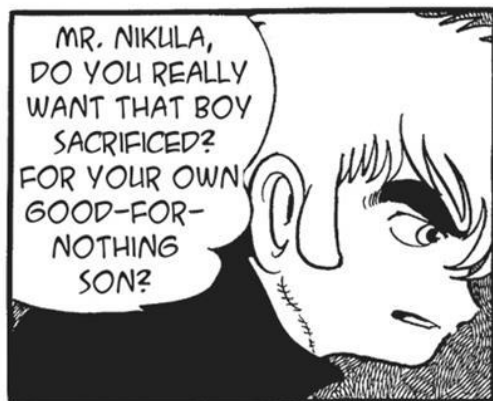
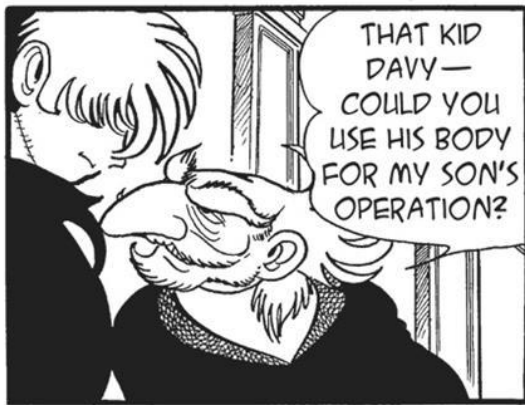


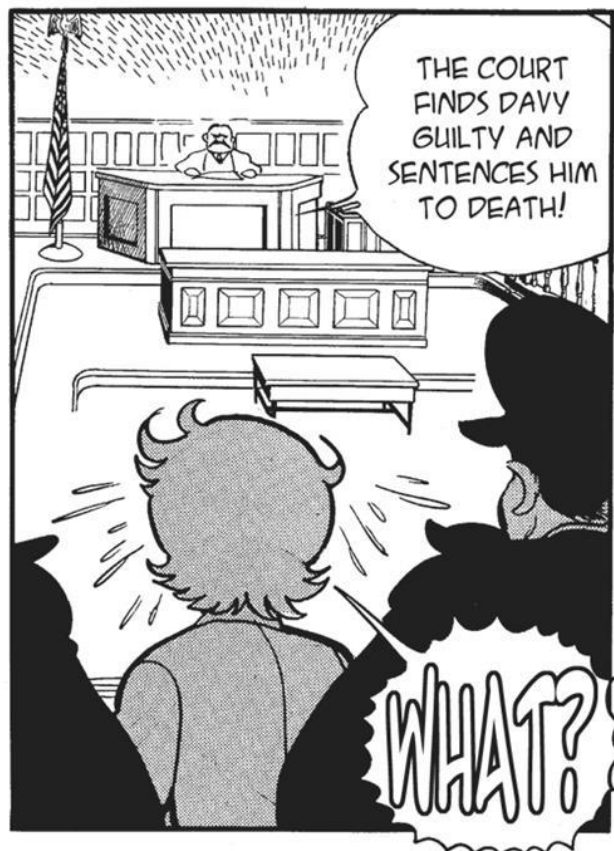
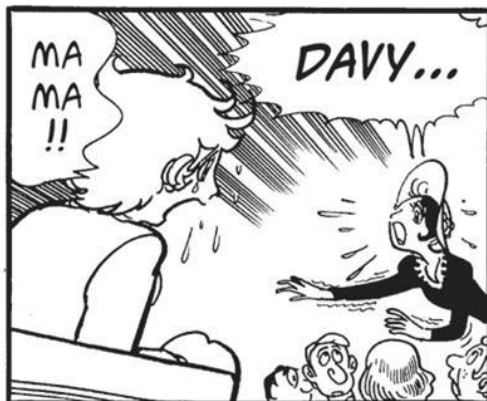
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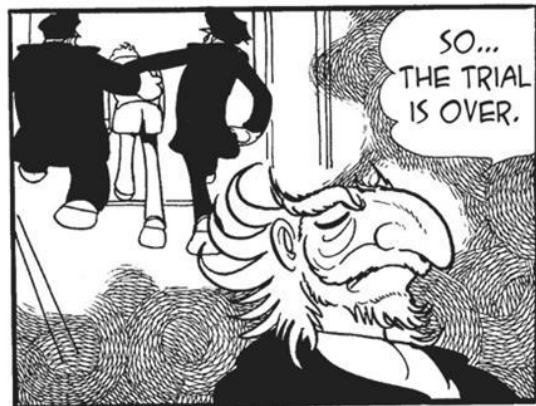
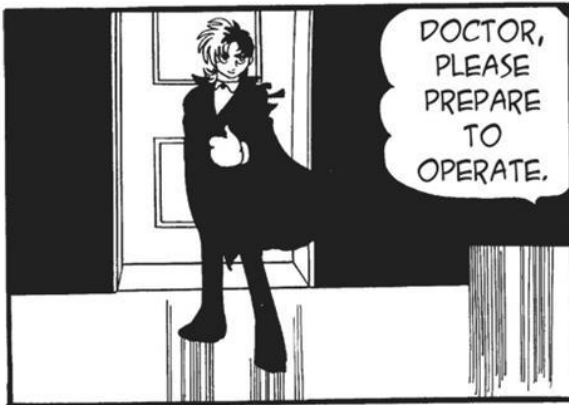


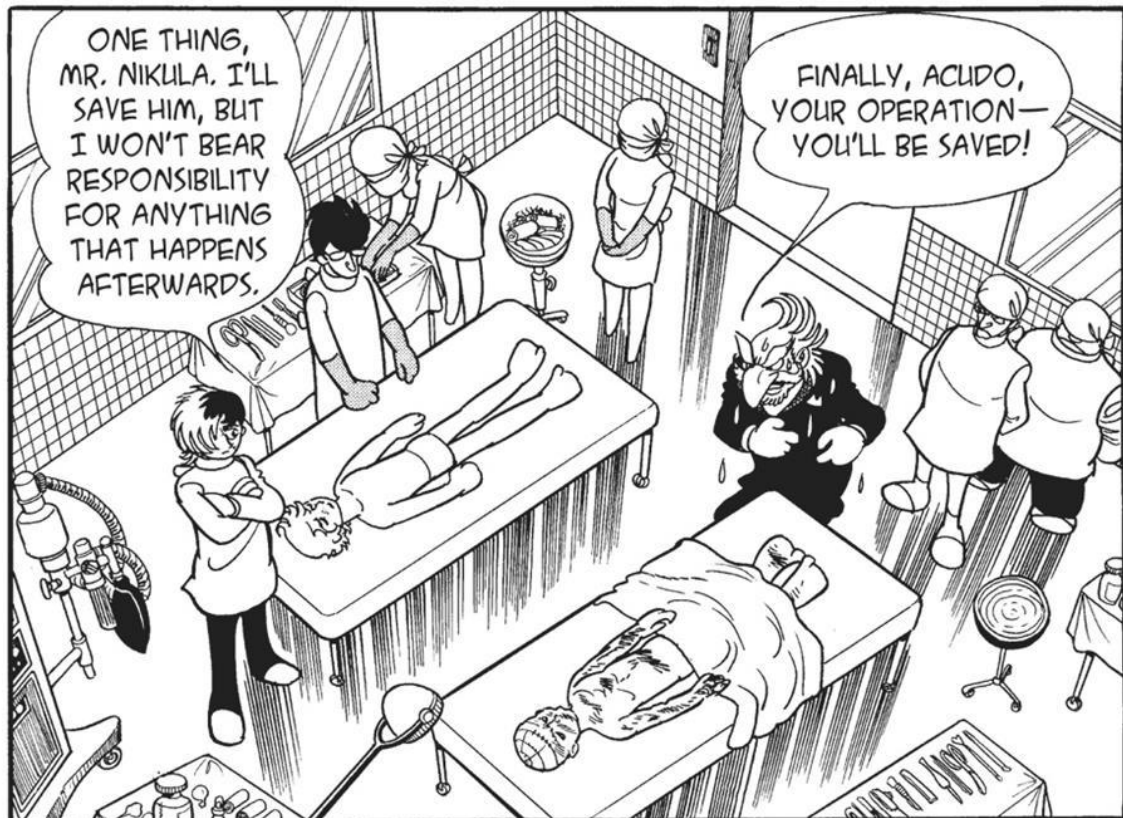
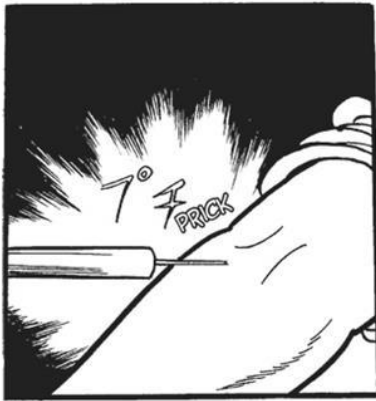


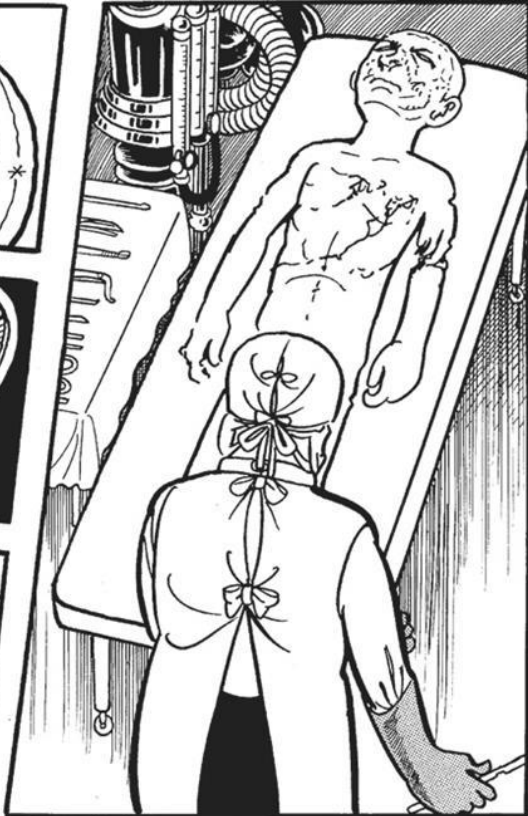
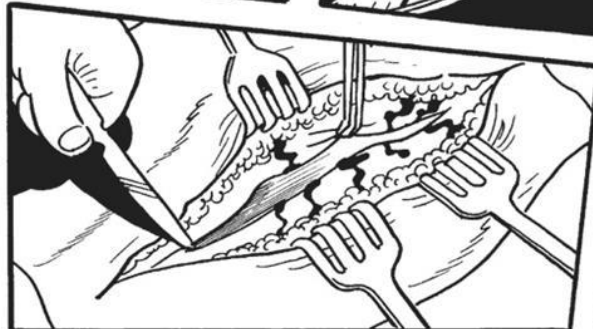
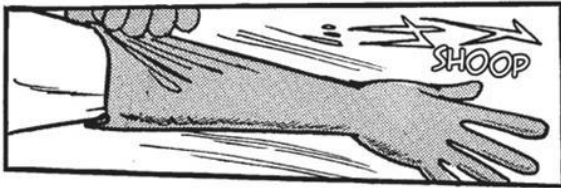


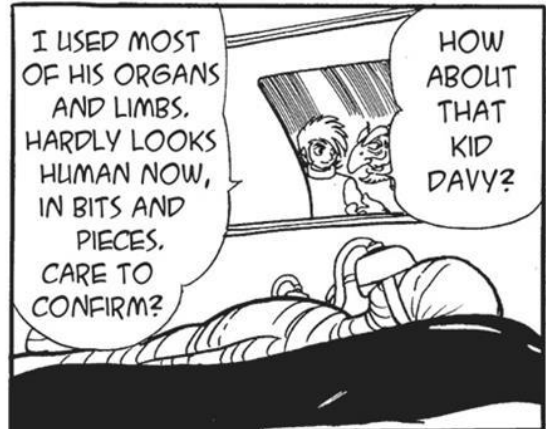


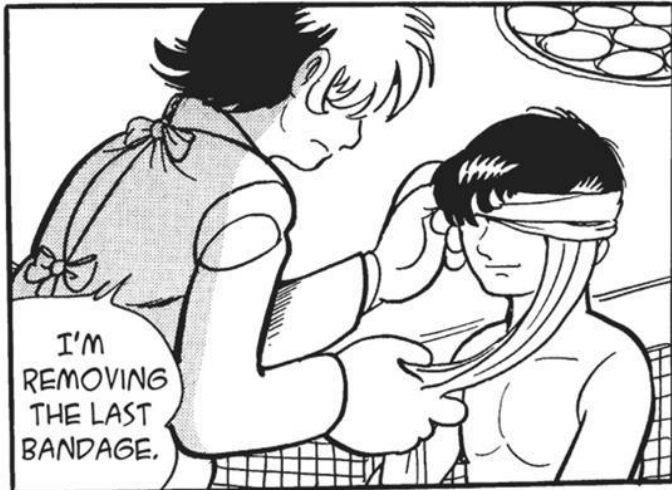


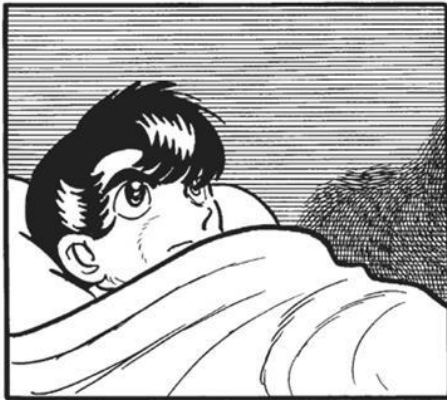


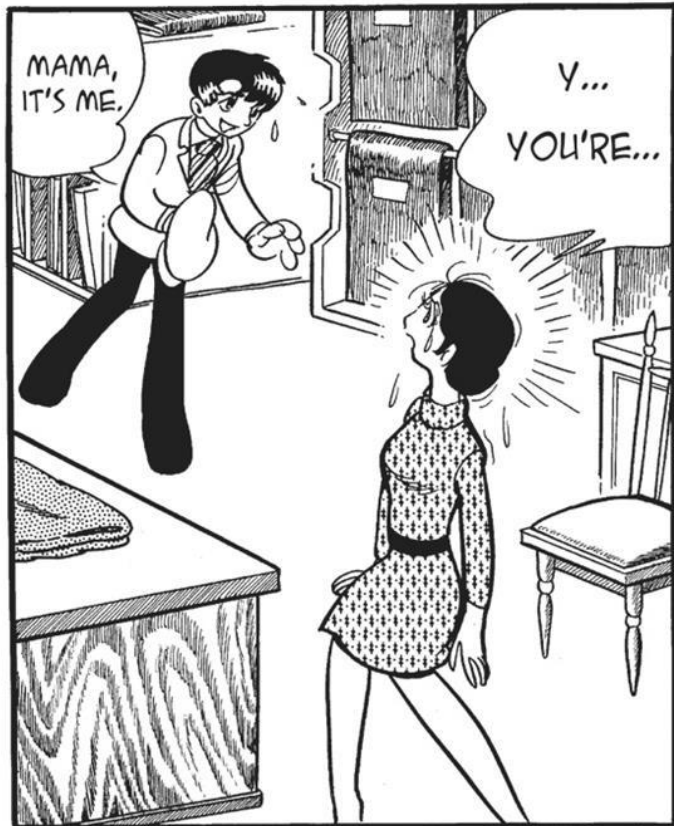


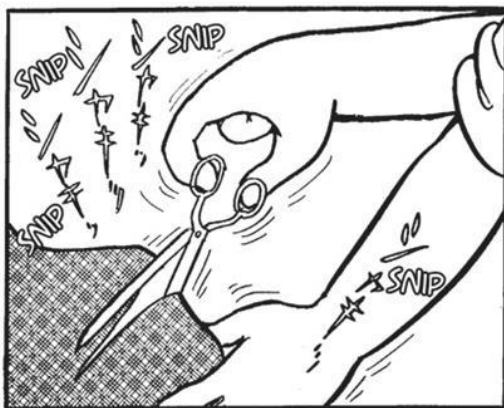


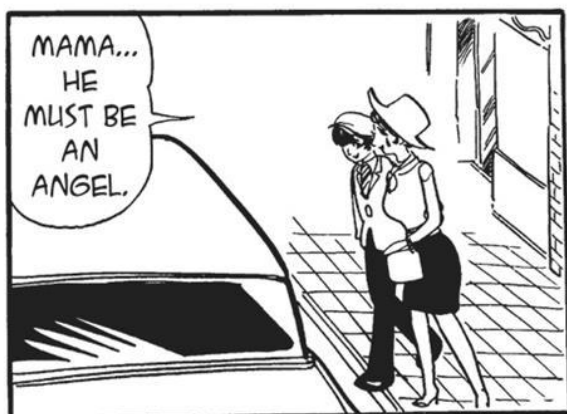




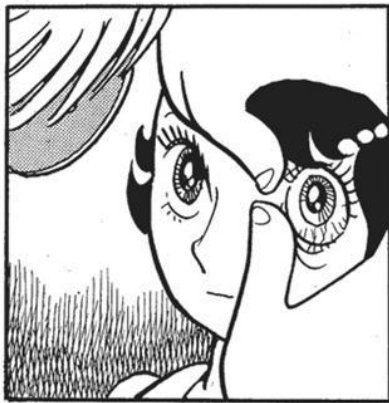


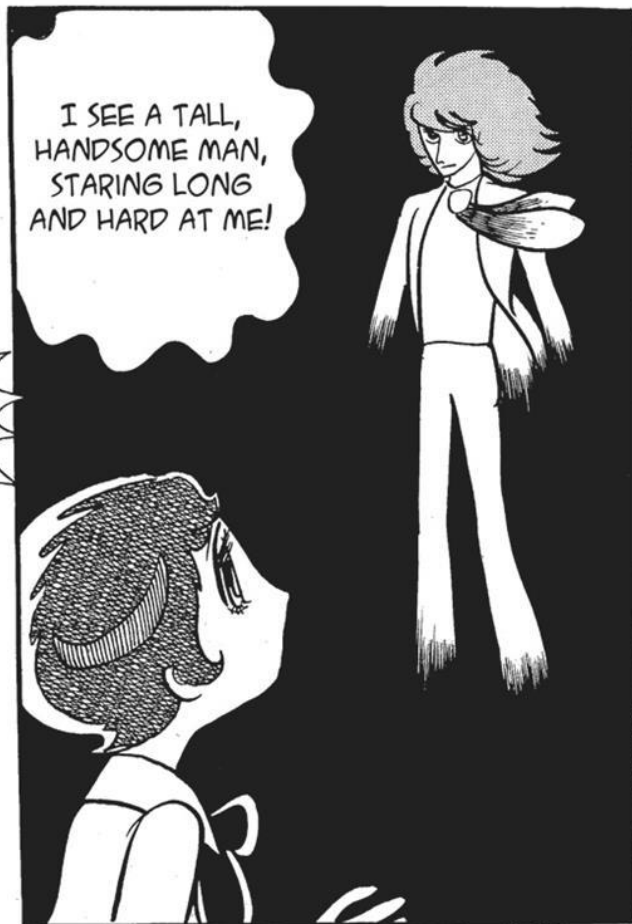


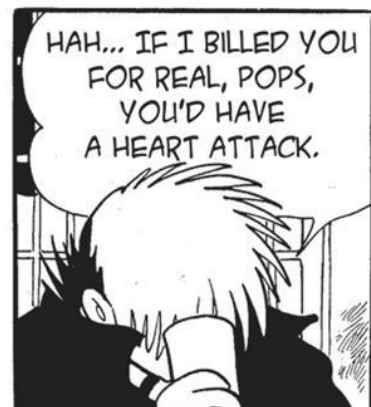
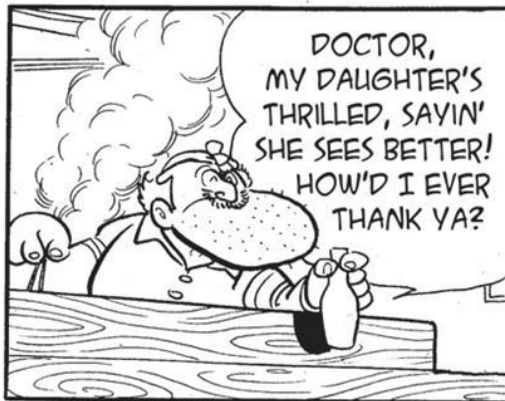
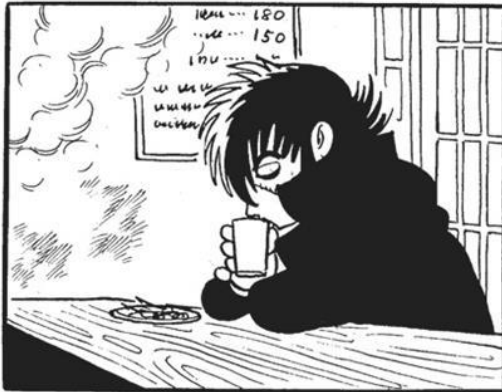


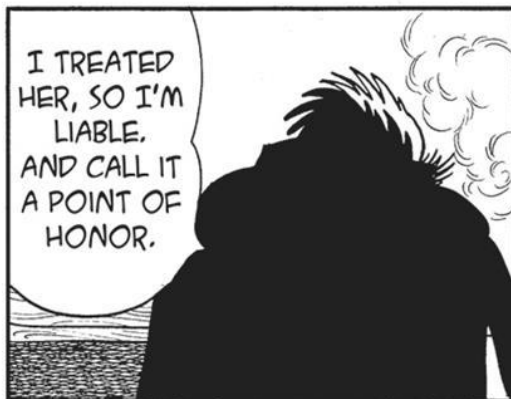
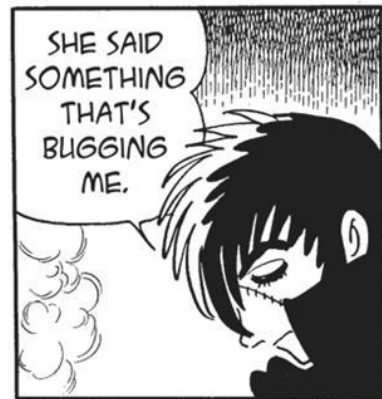


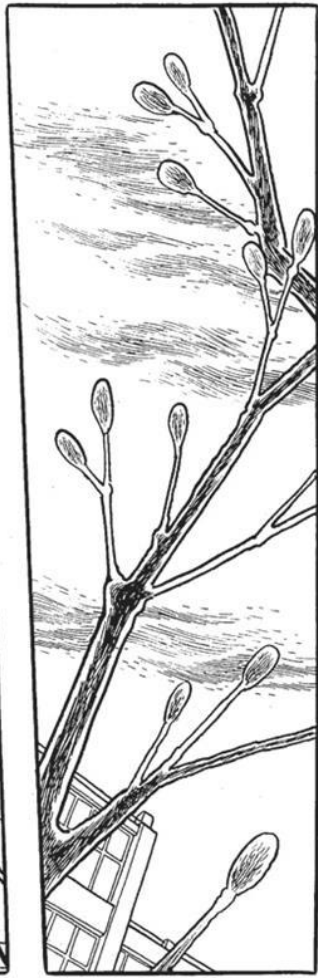
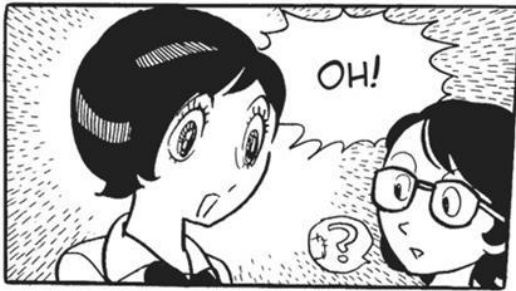
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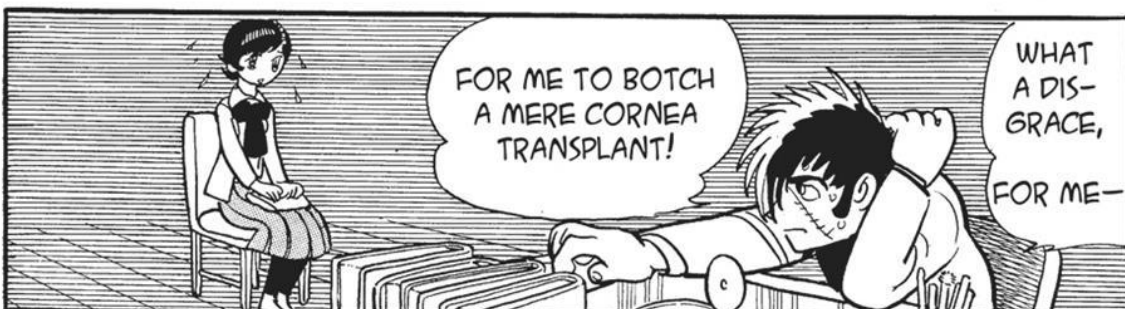
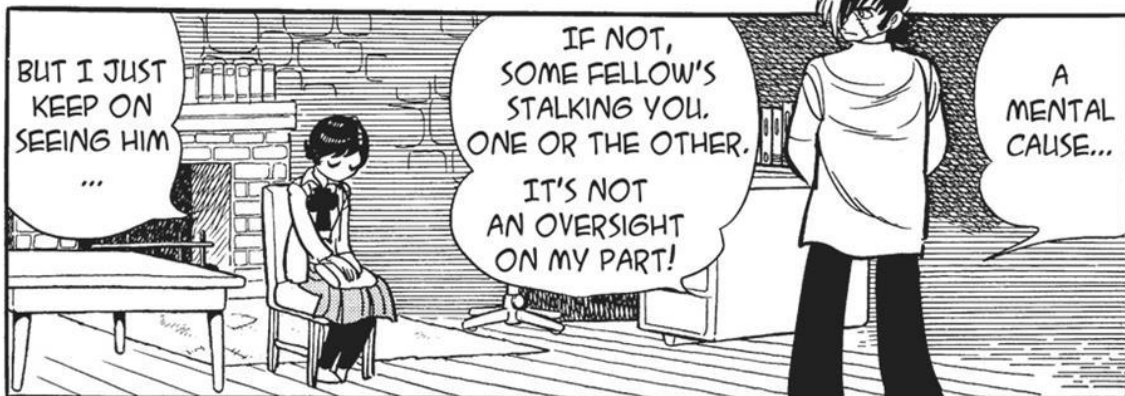


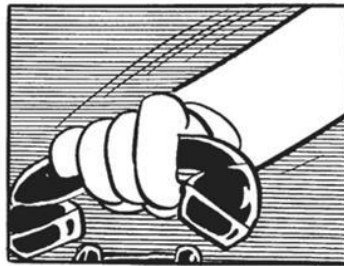


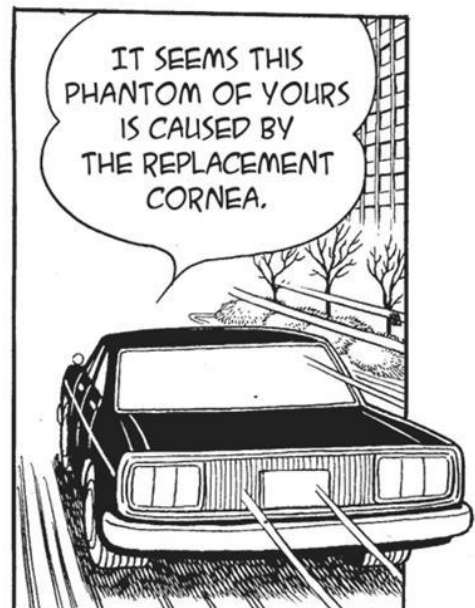
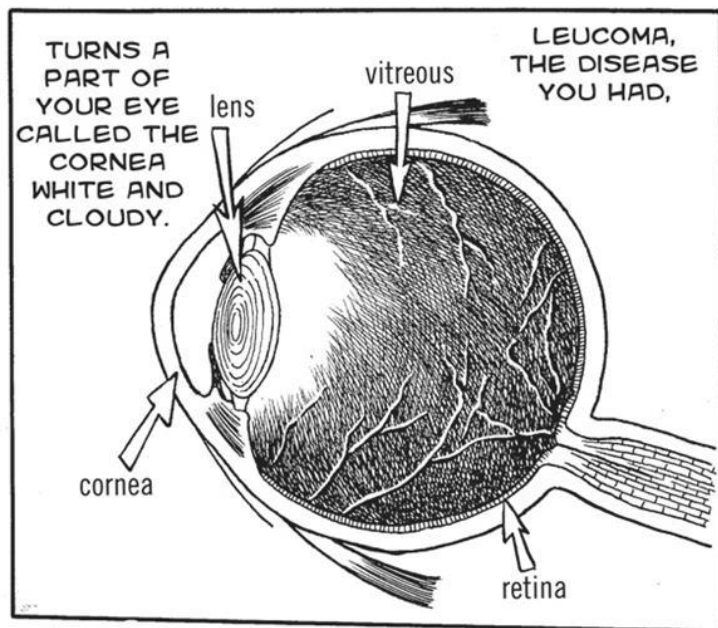


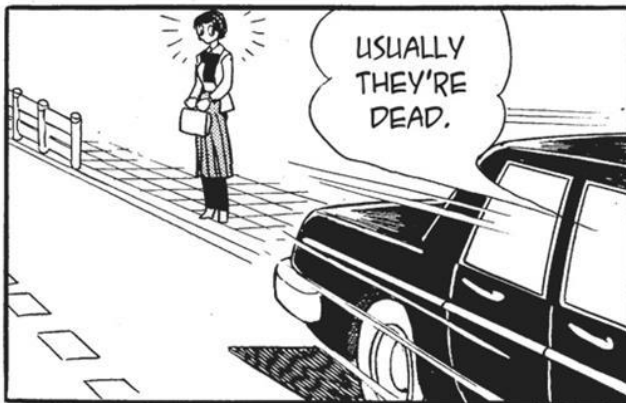


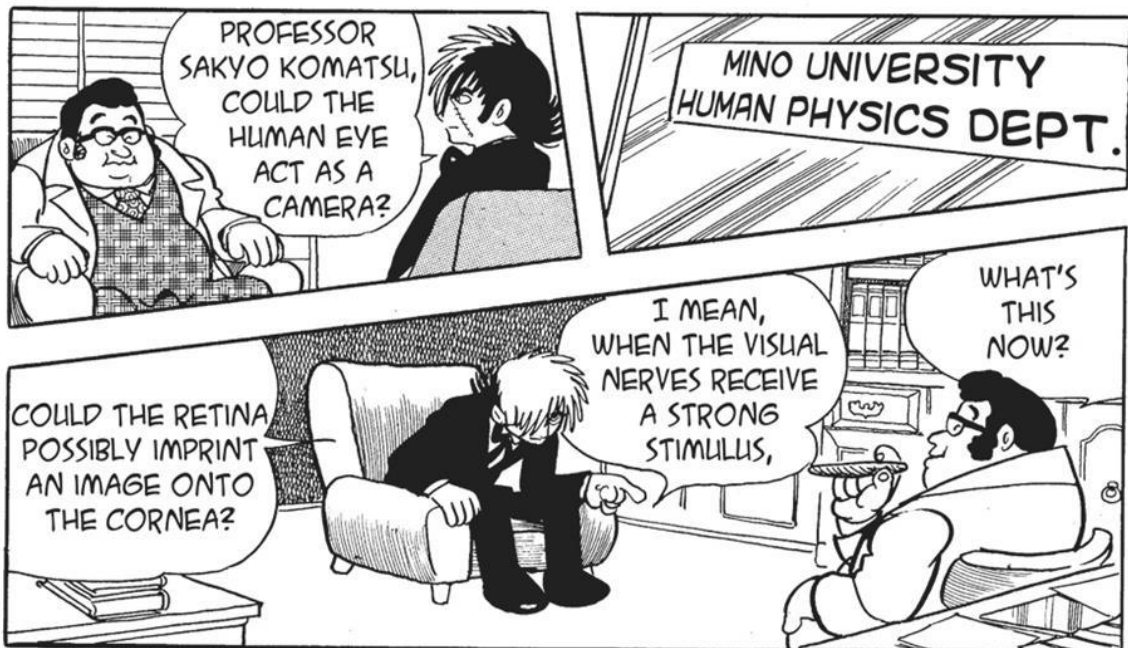
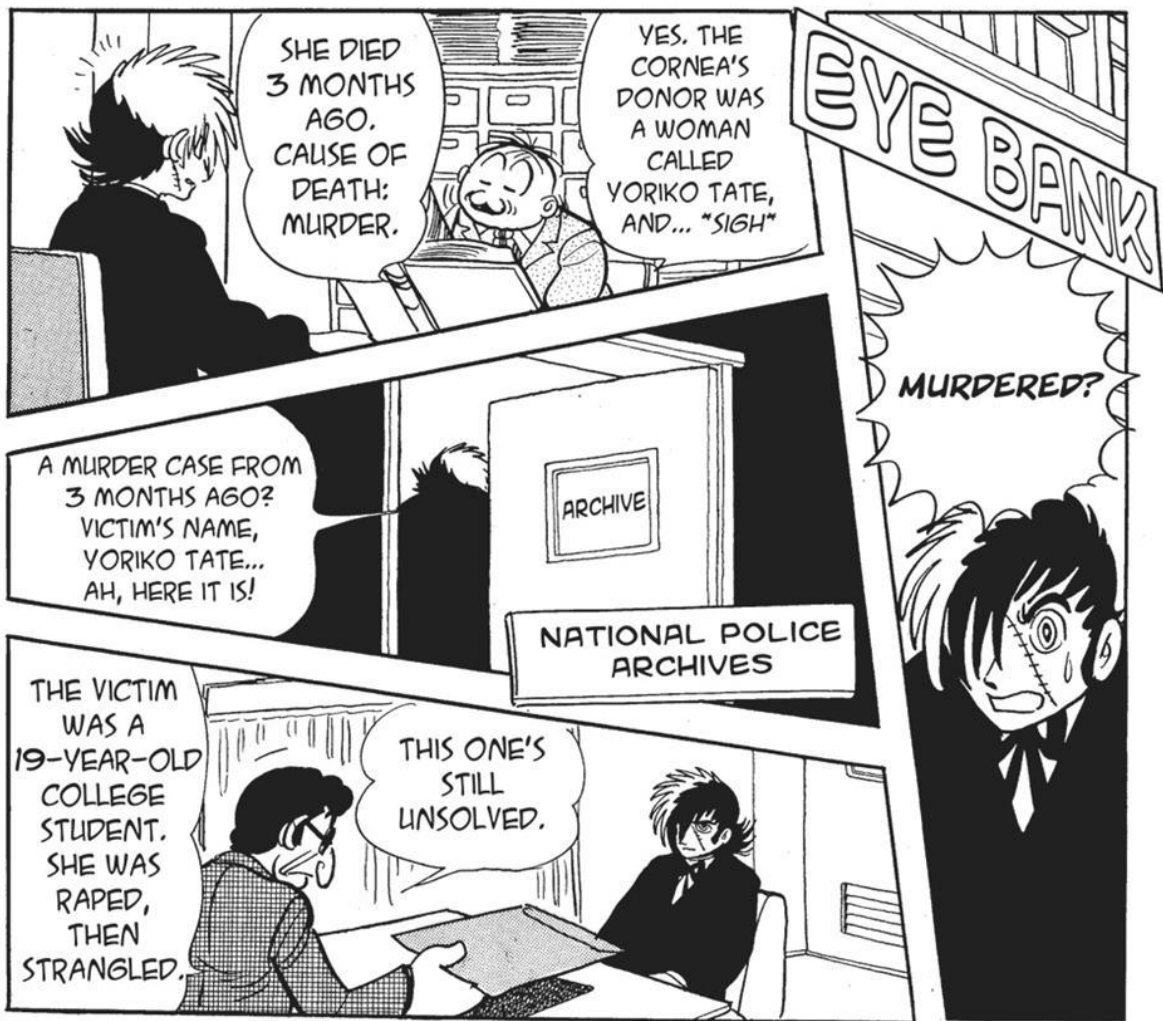




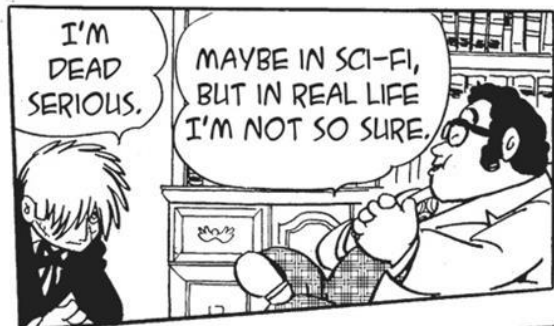
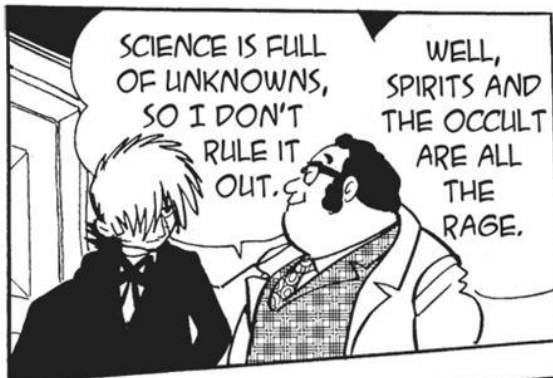
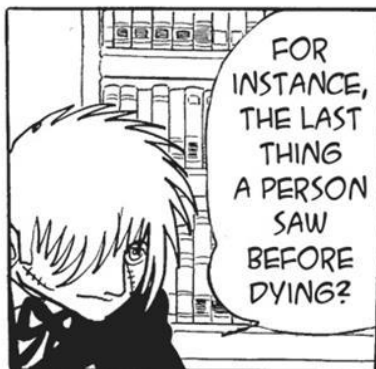




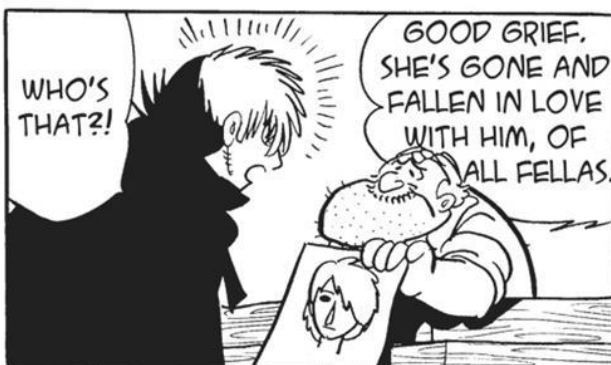




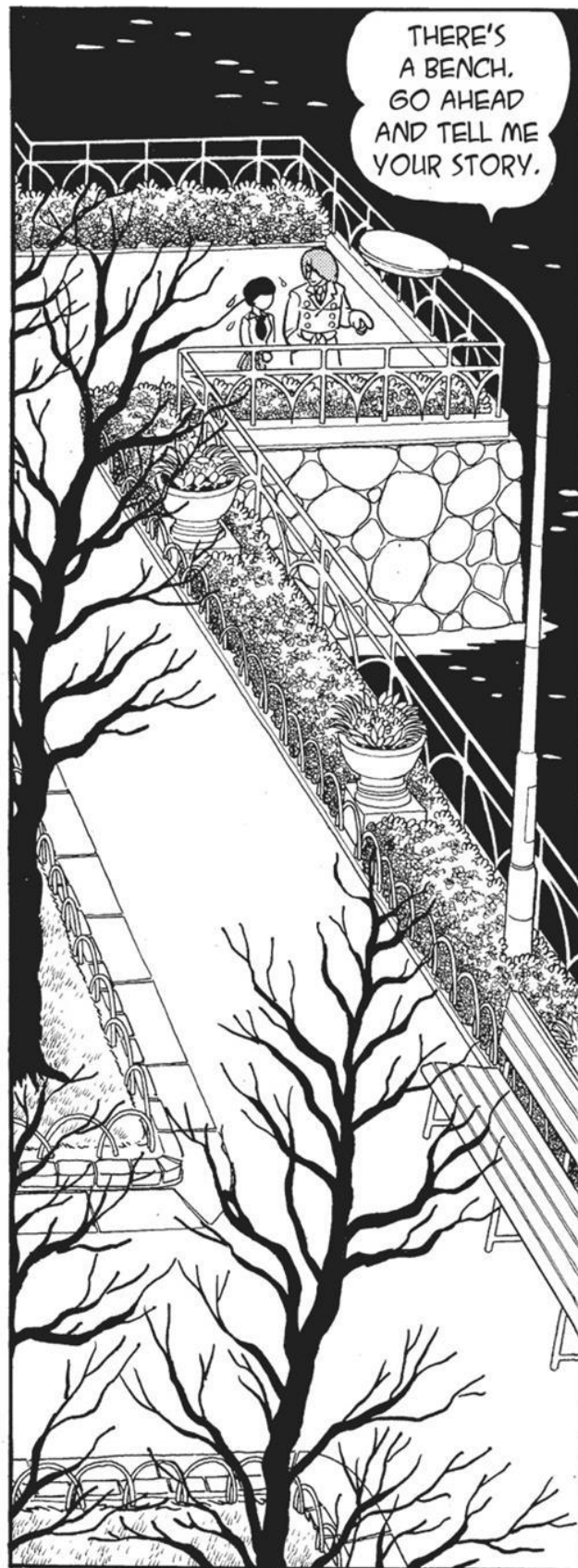
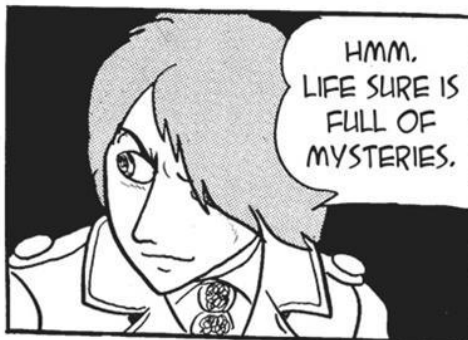
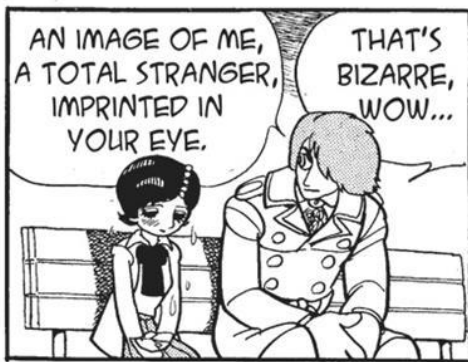
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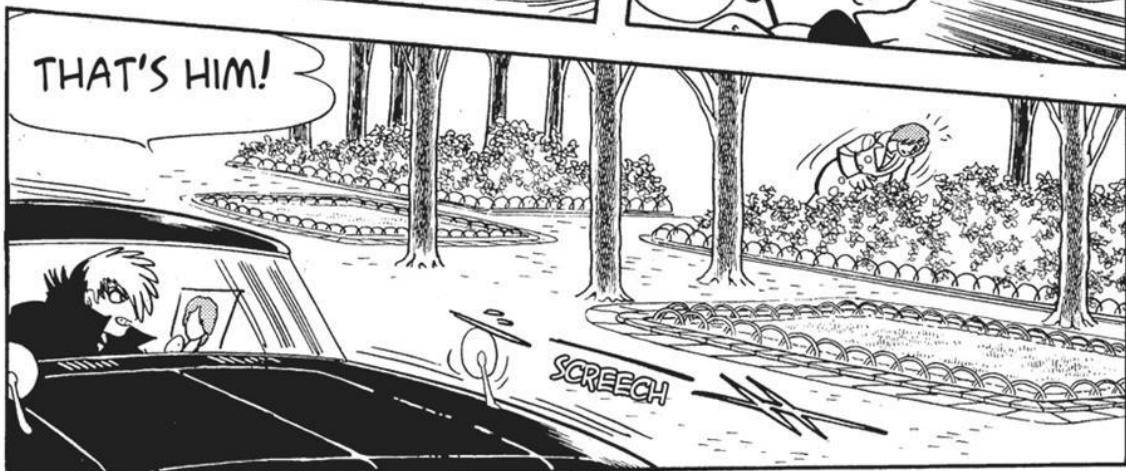




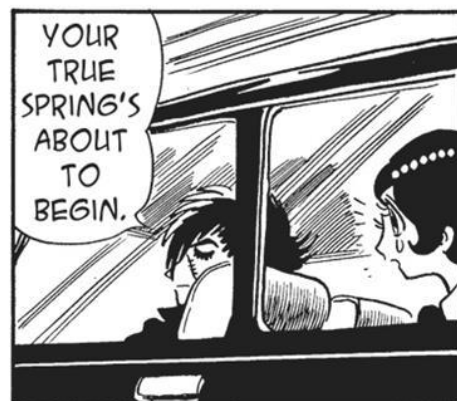
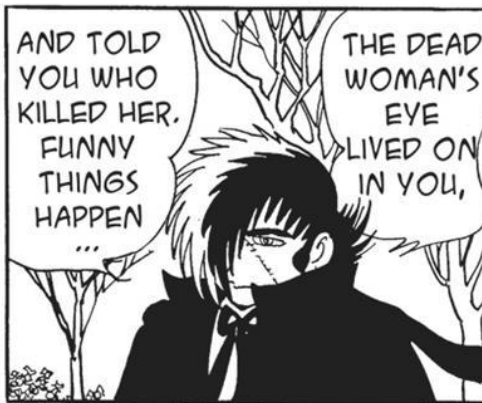




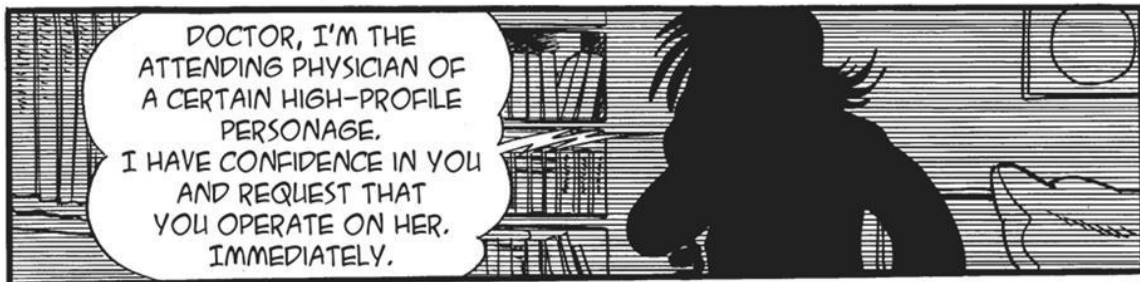




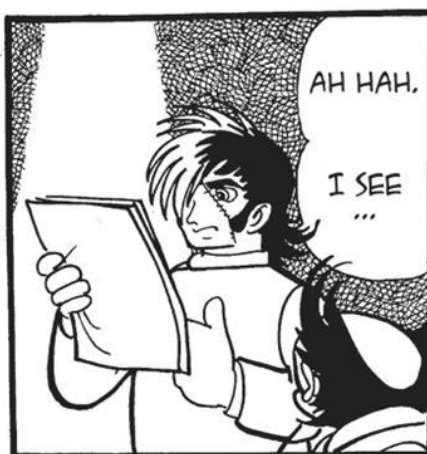
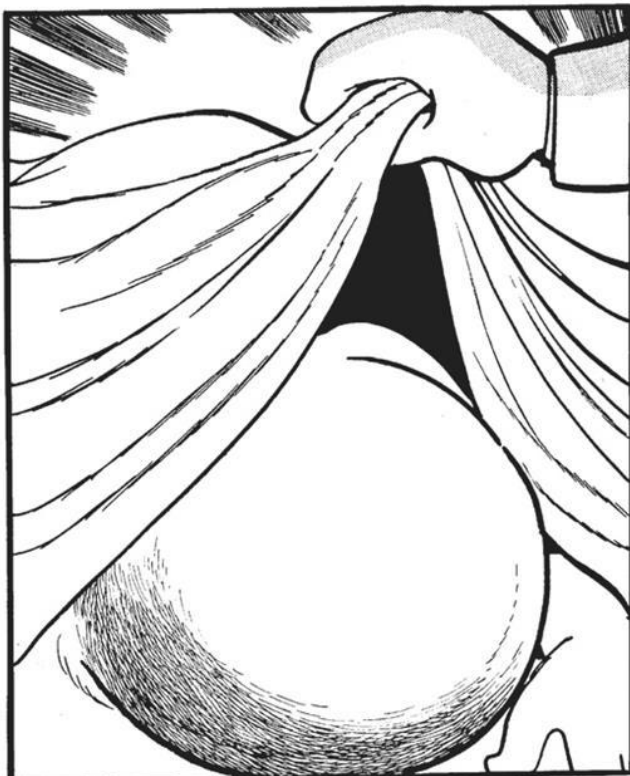




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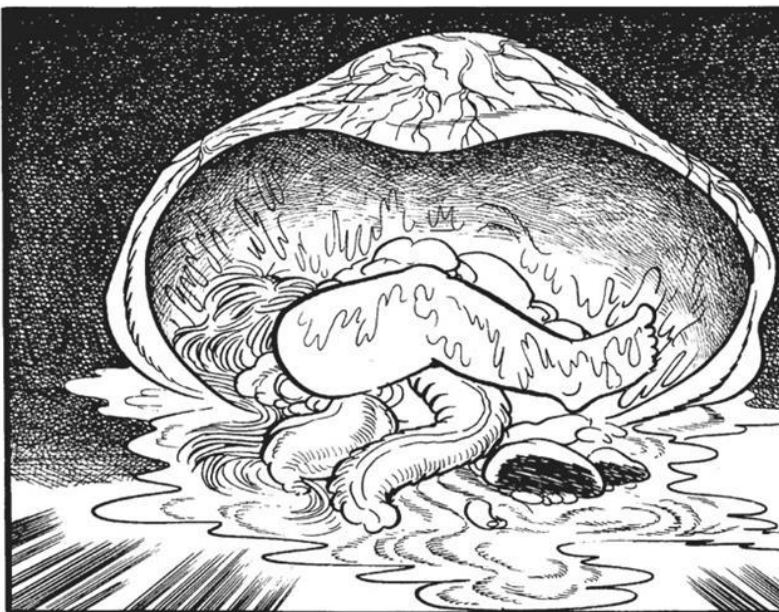




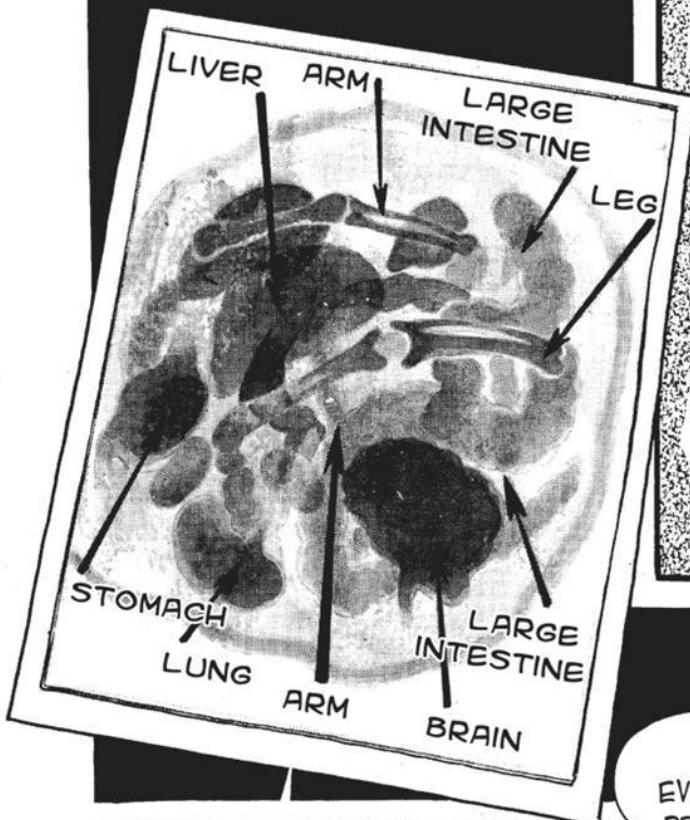
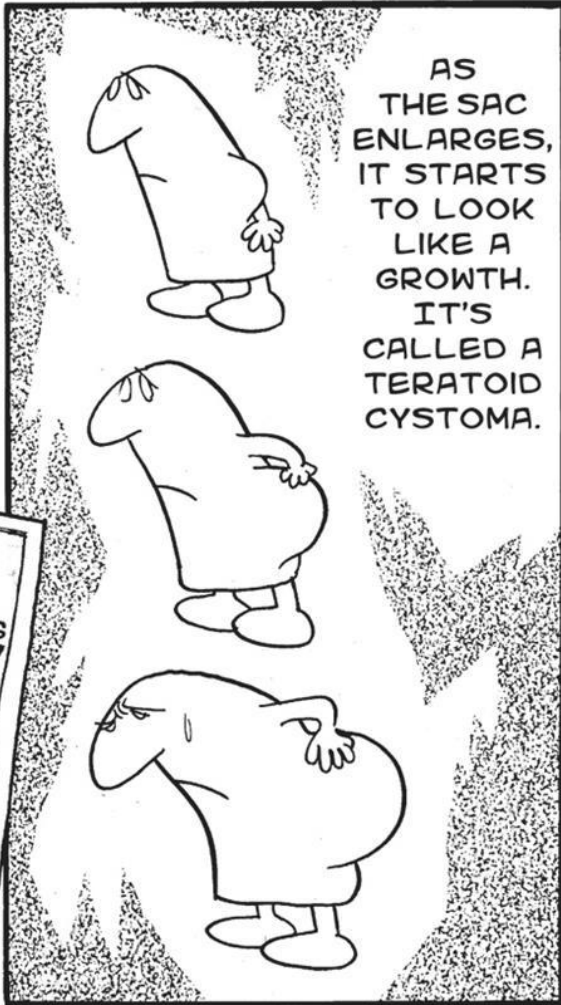
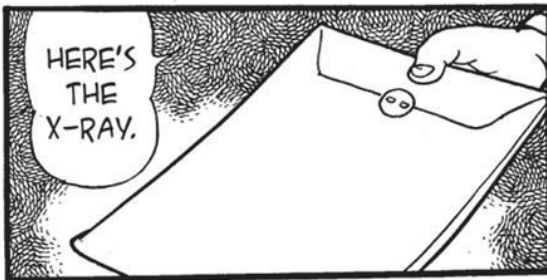
AS THE
BABY GROWS,
THE UNFORMED
TWIN DEVELOPS
TOGETHER.
IT MIGHT BE
AN EYEBALL,
HAIR, AN ARM
AND A LEG.



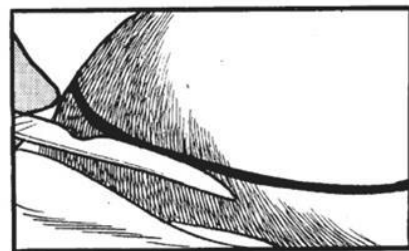
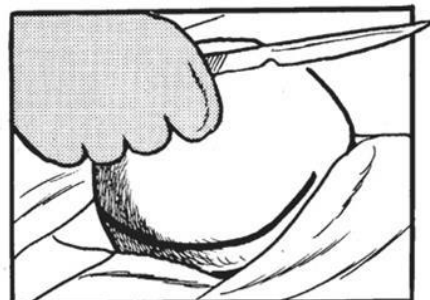
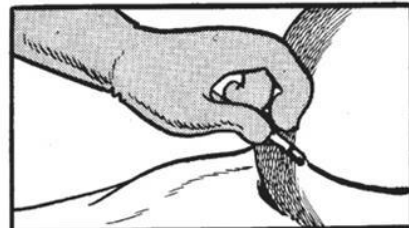
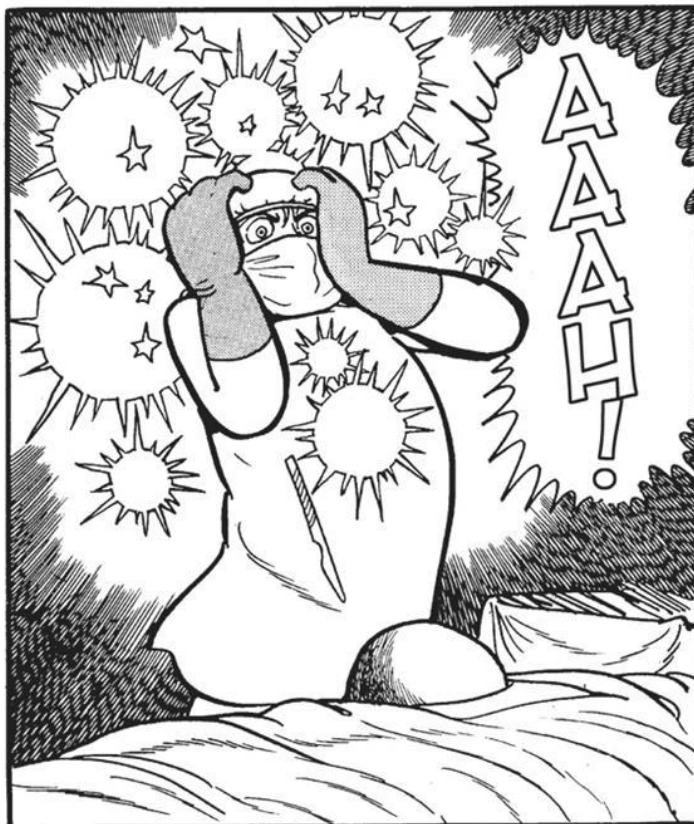
SOMETIMES
WHEN
TWINS ARE
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ONE EMBRYO
FAILS TO
COHERE
AND JUST A
PART OF
IT IS BORN
IMPLANTED
IN ITS
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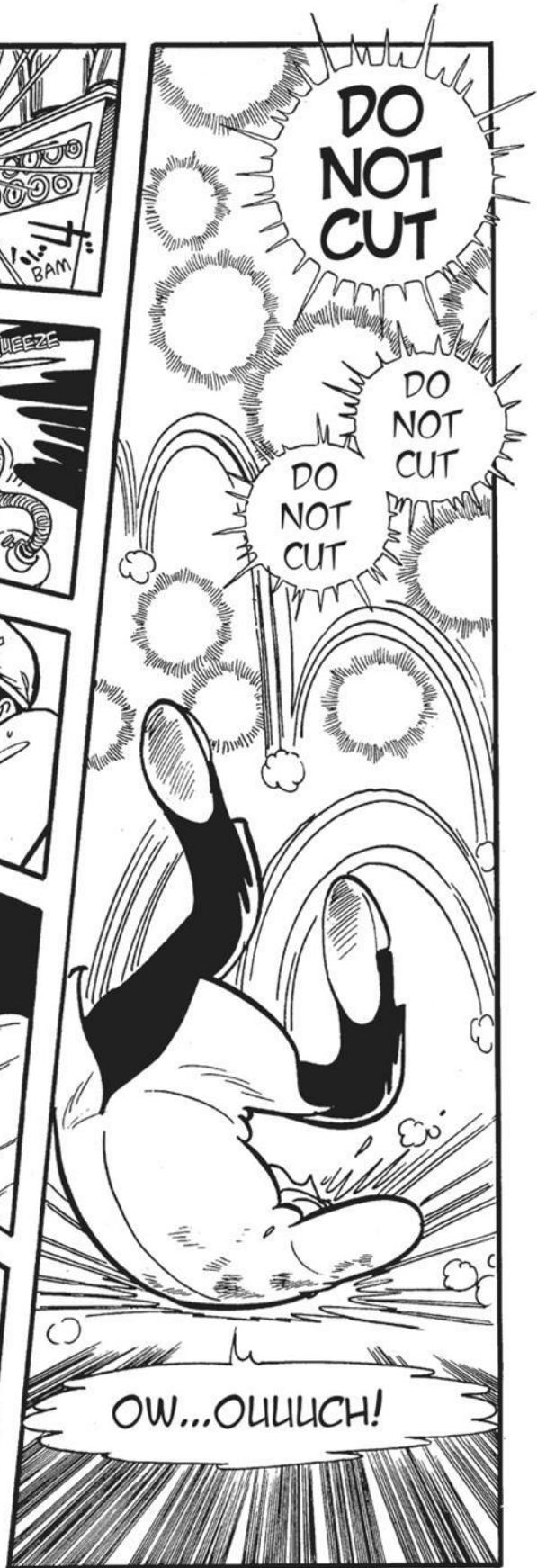
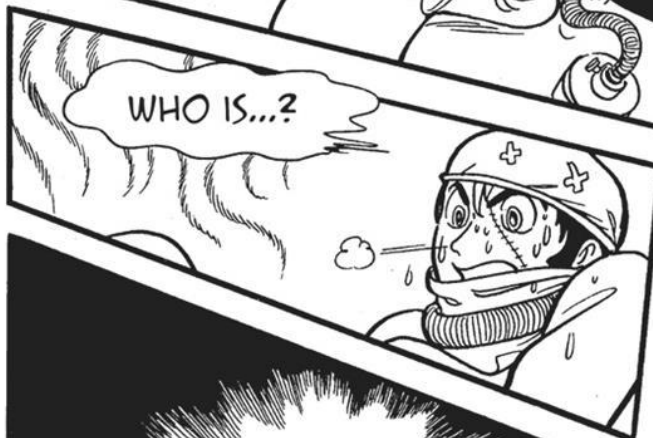


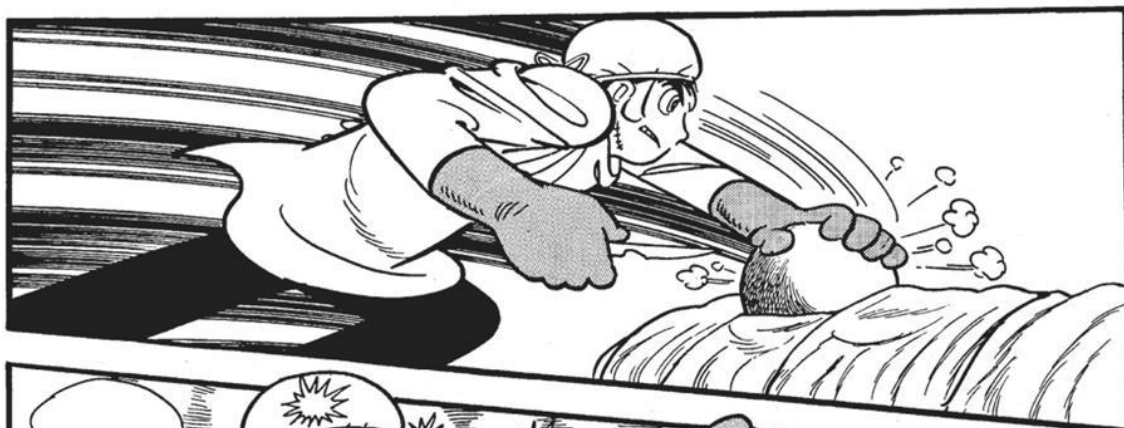
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IN A
RUBBERY
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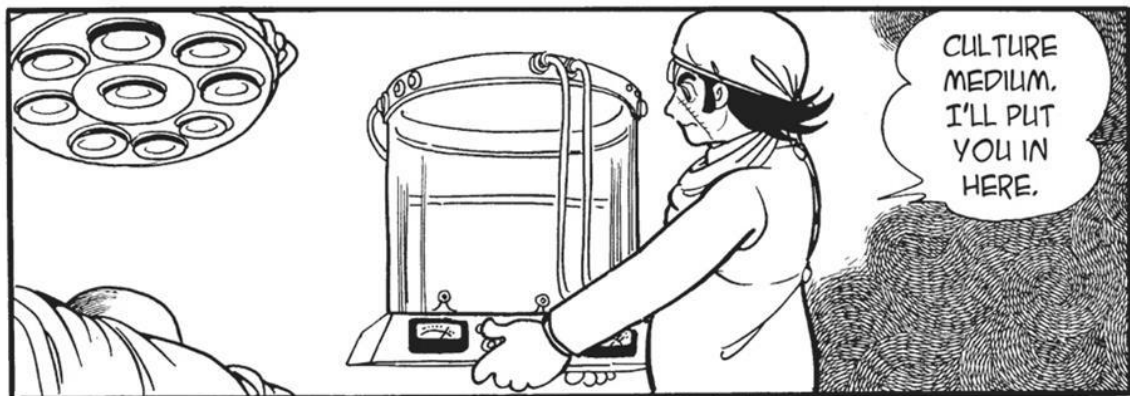


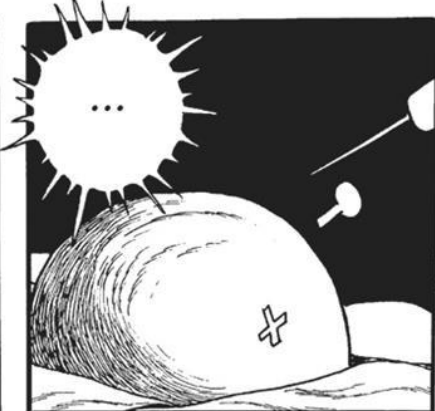
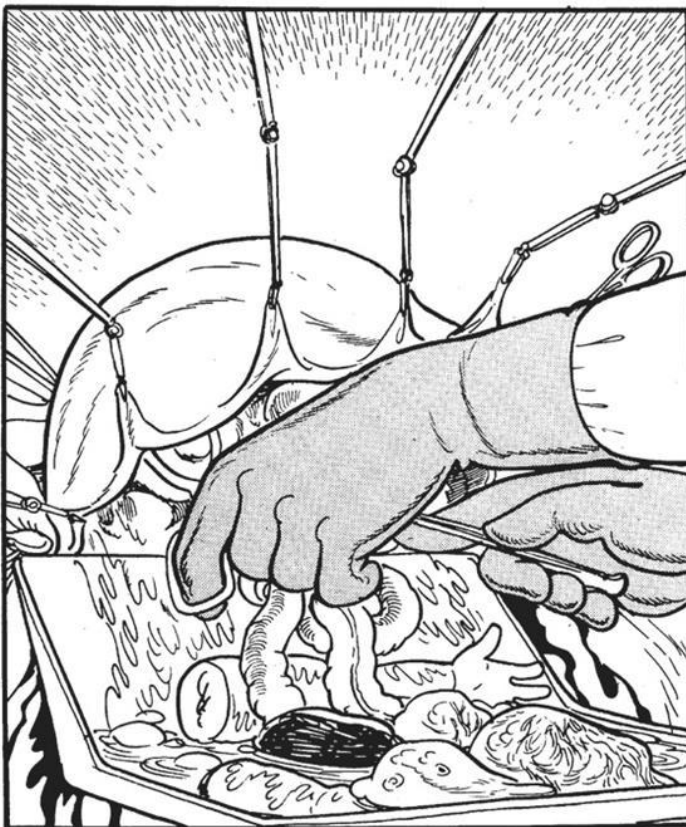
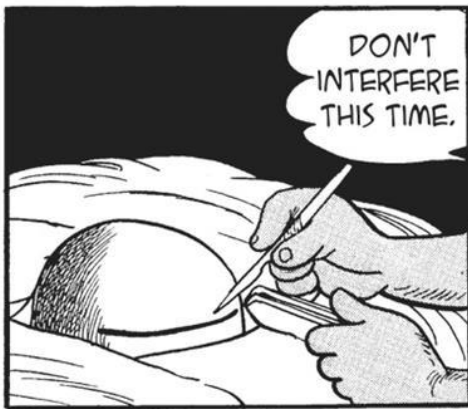


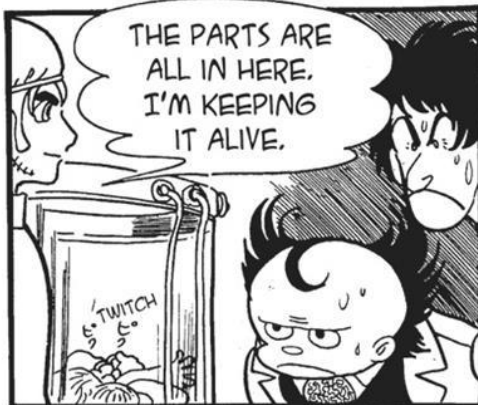
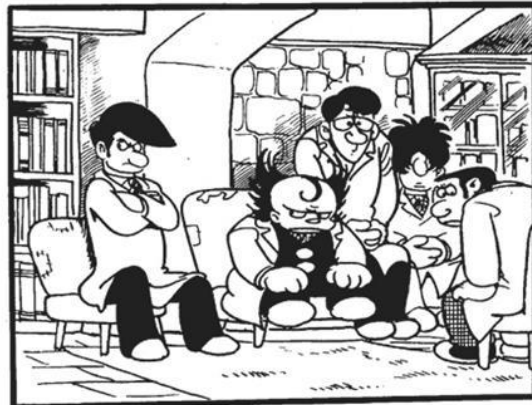














A SMOOTH
RECOVERY.



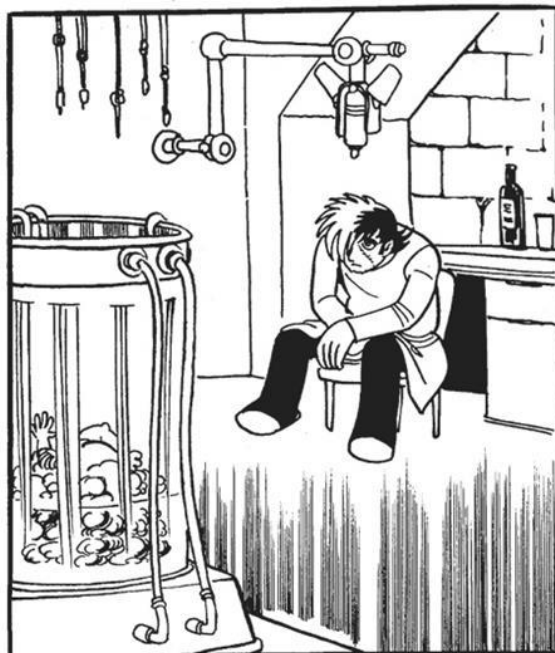
THAT'S
RISKY.
WAIT
UNTIL
...

IN A WEEK
WE CAN
TAKE HER
TO SIDE
SCUTTLE.



YEAH?
THANKS
A LOT!

WE CAN'T LEAVE
THE PATIENT IN
THIS UNHYGIENIC
ENVIRONMENT
FOREVER...

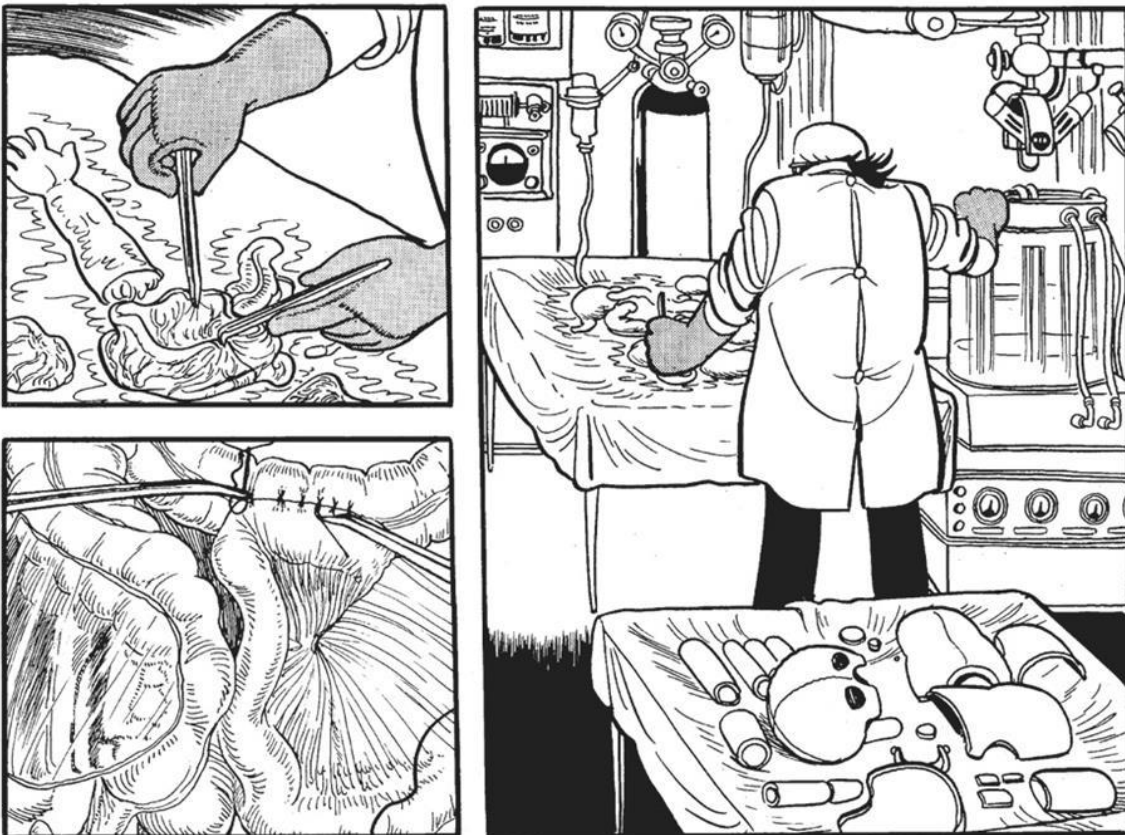
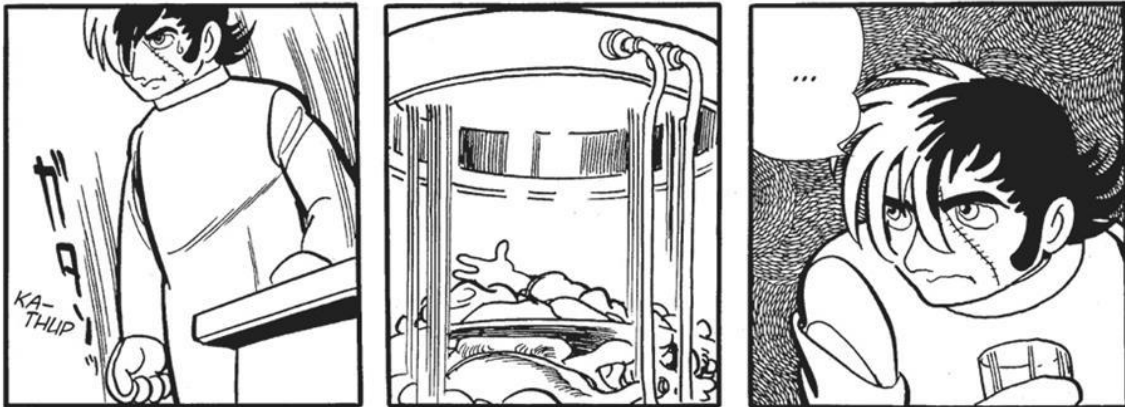


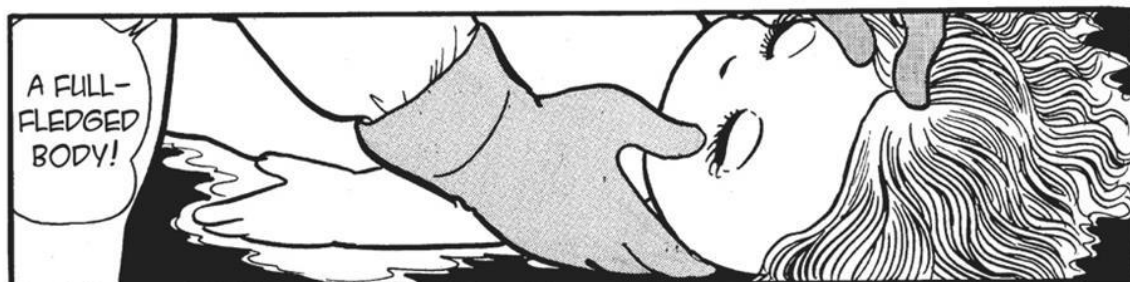
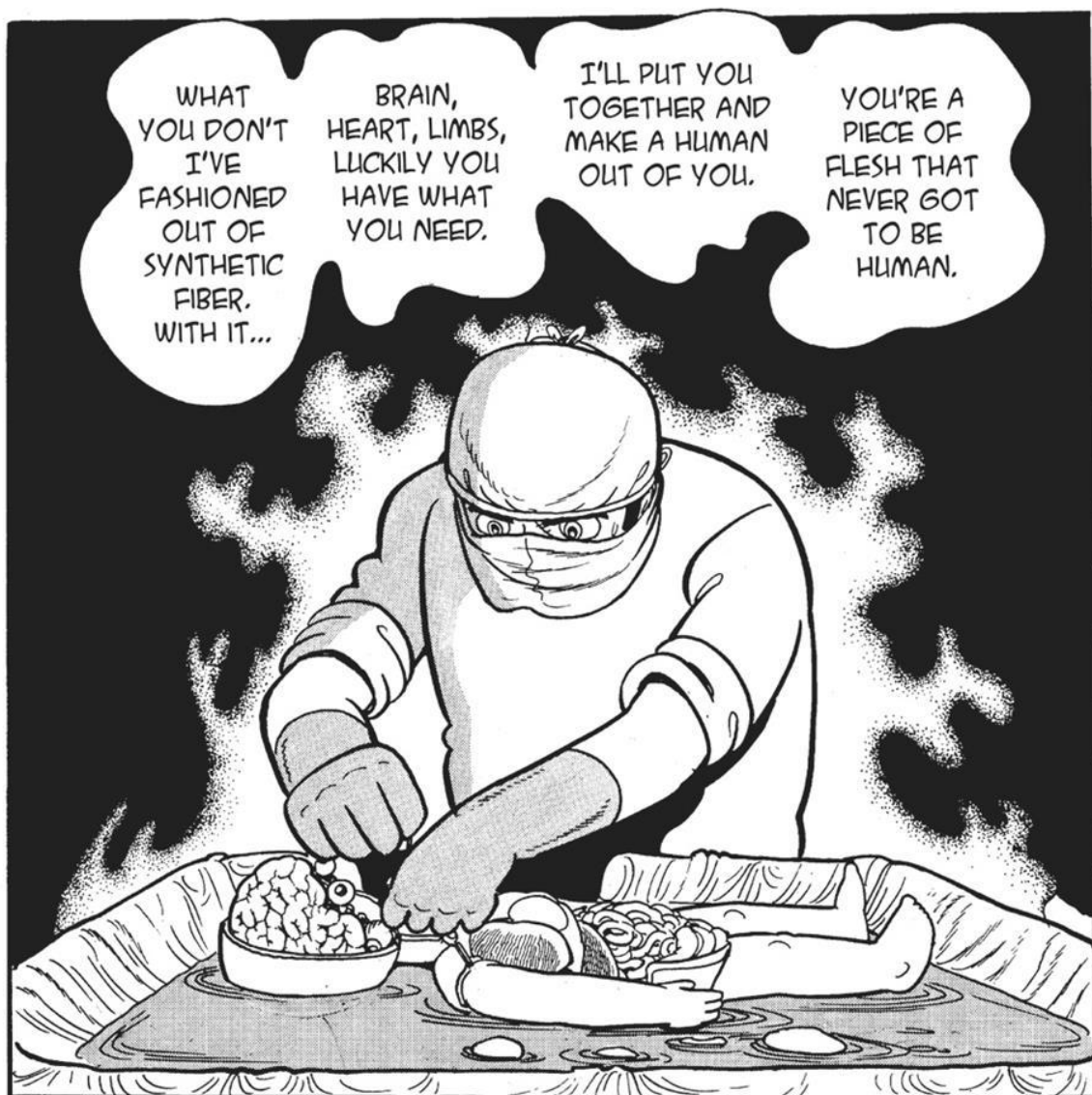
I'M VERY
GRATEFUL
TO YOU,
DOCTOR.
BUT ALL
THIS IS TOP
SECRET.

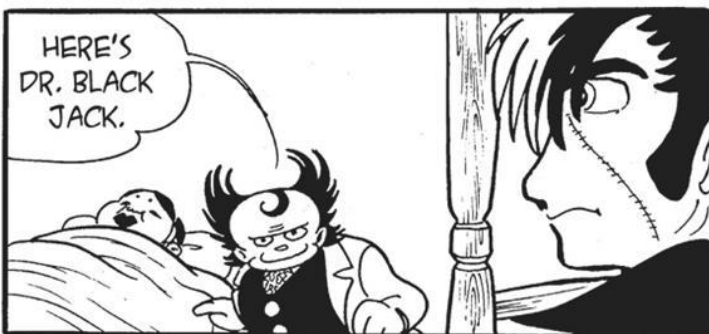
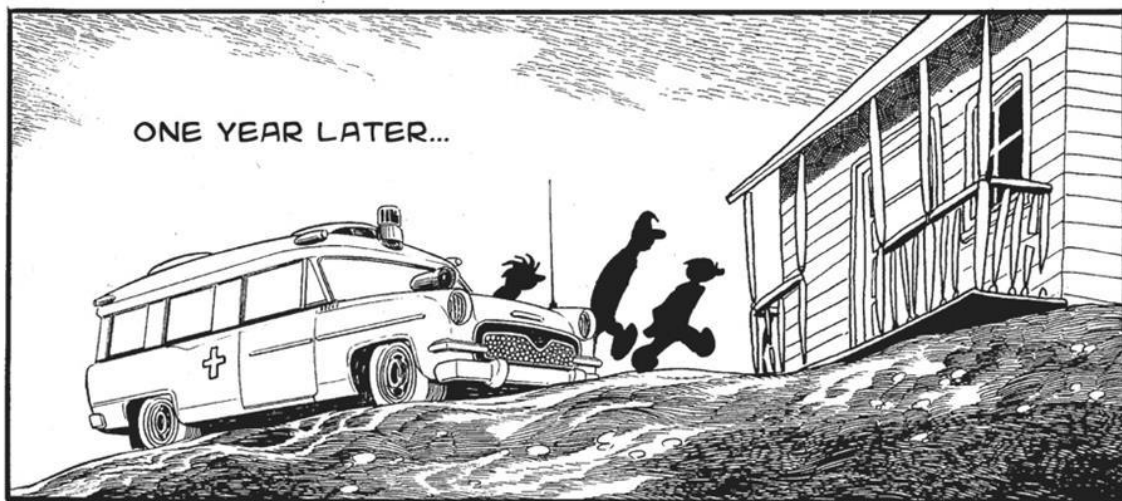
DON'T
GET
ANGRY.

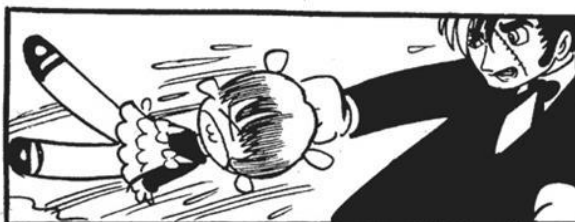
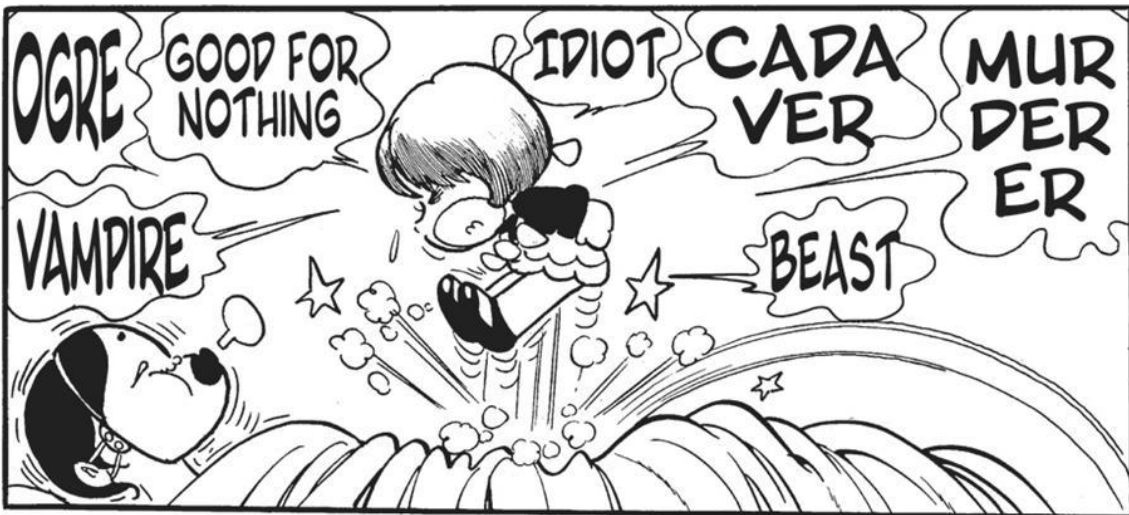


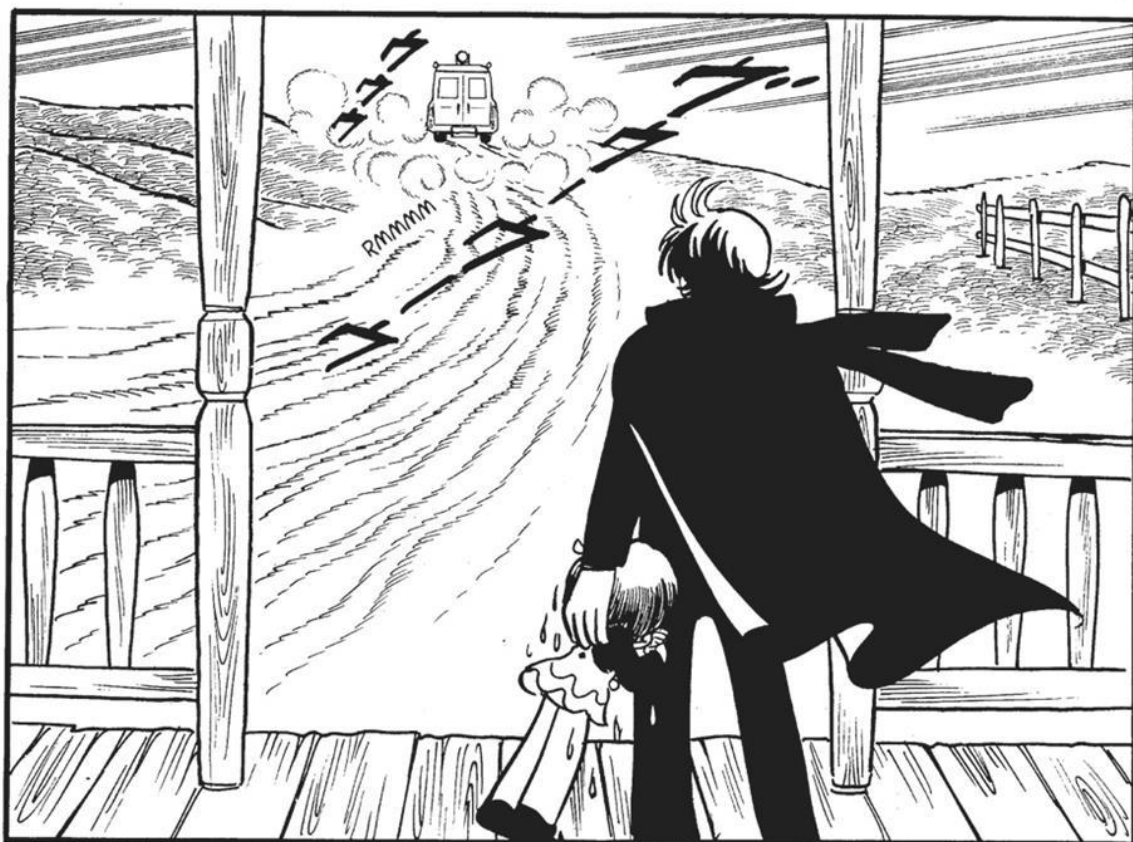
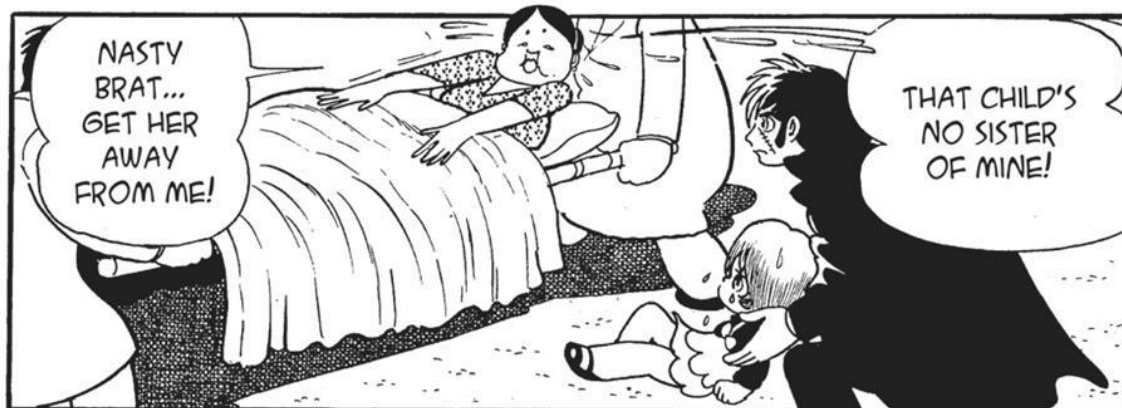
HAVE
IT
YOUR
WAY!









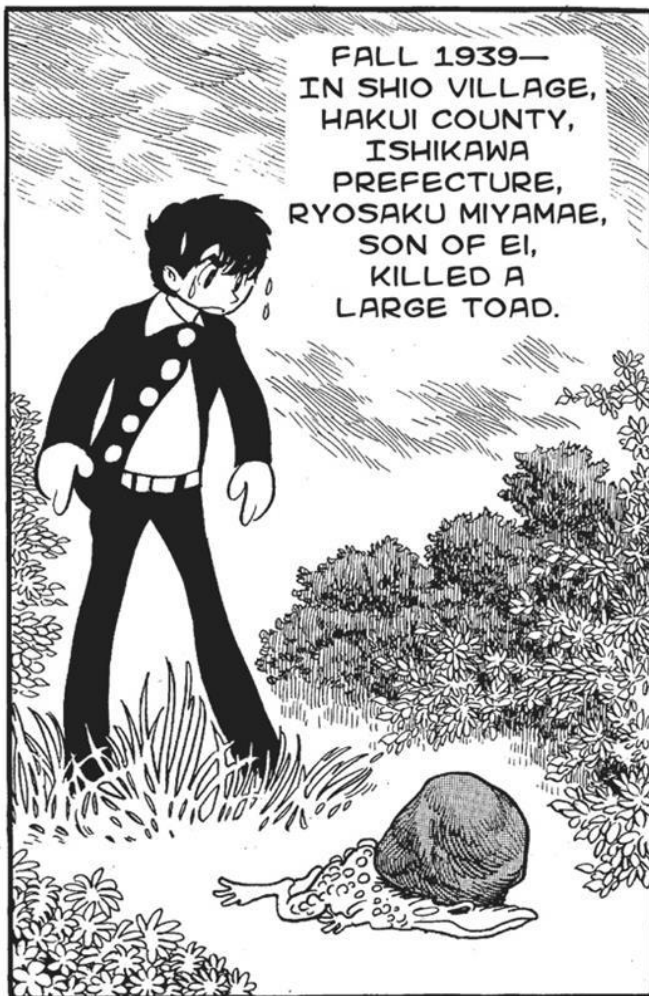


THE FACE SORE

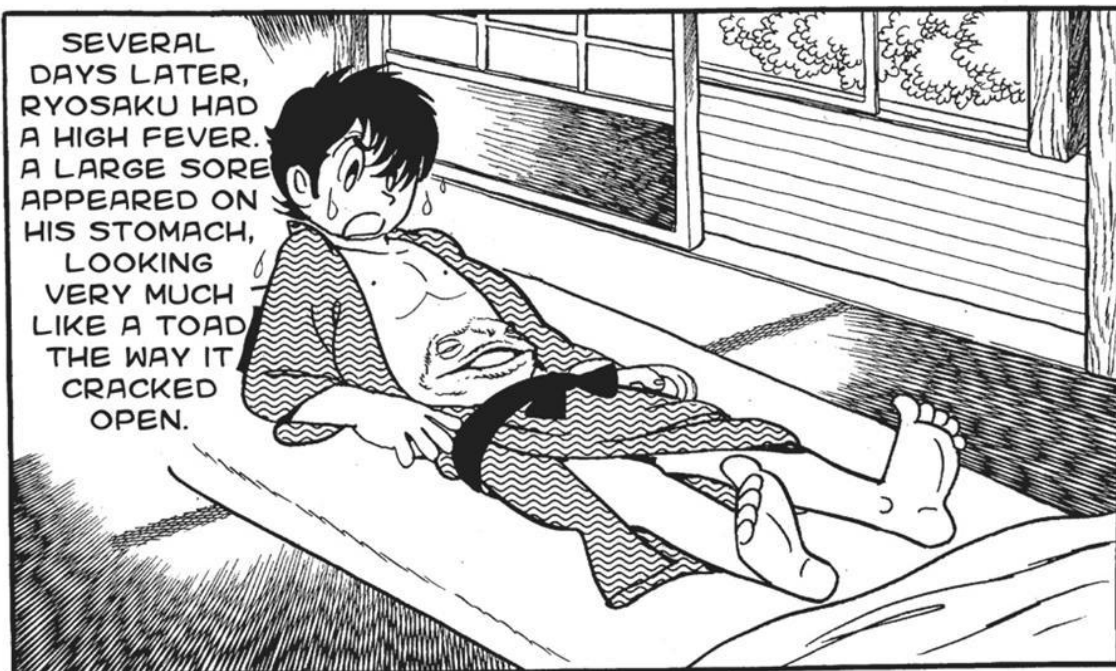
FLUID
FROM THE
TOAD'S BODY
STAINED HIS
STOMACH,
BUT THE BOY
THOUGHT
NOTHING
OF IT.



FALL 1939—
IN SHIO VILLAGE,
HAKUI COUNTY,
ISHIKAWA
PREFECTURE,
RYOSAKU MIYAMAE,
SON OF EI,
KILLED A
LARGE TOAD.



SEVERAL
DAYS LATER,
RYOSAKU HAD
A HIGH FEVER.
A LARGE SORE
APPEARED ON
HIS STOMACH,
LOOKING
VERY MUCH
LIKE A TOAD.
THE WAY IT
CRACKED
OPEN.



THE
TOAD-LIKE
WOUND
OOZED
A SLIMY
LIQUID.
IT GOB-
BLED UP
THE BUGS
THAT
RYOSAKU
CAUGHT
FOR IT.

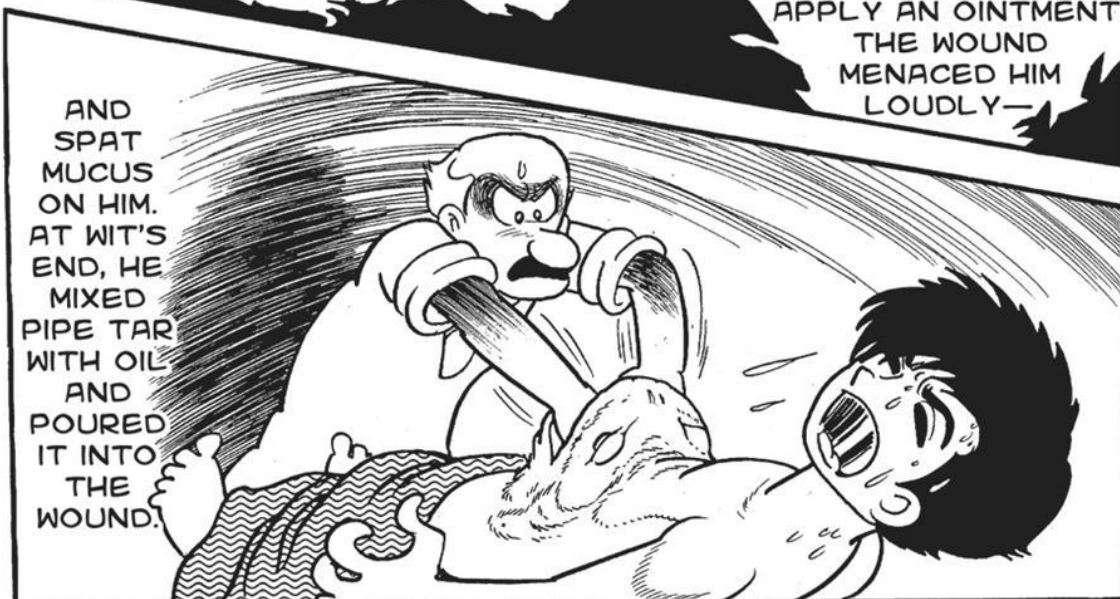


PEH



MONTHS PASSED
BUT THE WOUND
ONLY GREW, AND
RYOSAKU FELL
DEATHLY ILL. THE
VILLAGE DOCTOR,
SUSPECTING A CASE
OF THE LEGENDARY
"FACE SORE,"
ATTEMPTED TO
APPLY AN OINTMENT.
THE WOUND
MENACED HIM
LOUDLY—

AND
SPAT
MUCUS
ON HIM.
AT WIT'S
END, HE
MIXED
PIPE TAR
WITH OIL
AND
POURED
IT INTO
THE
WOUND.



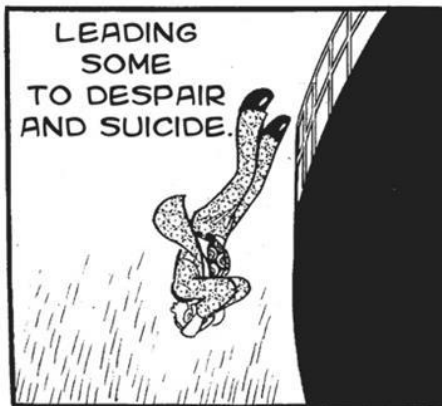
NOTE: "FACE SORE" = JINMENSO, A MONSTER FROM JAPANESE FOLKLORE



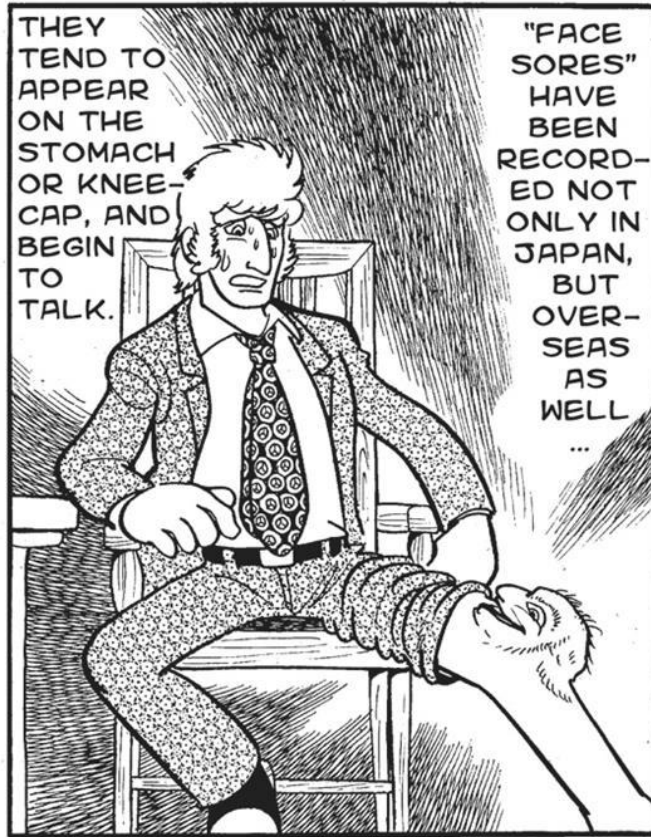
THIS WAS TOO MUCH EVEN FOR THE FACE SORE, WHICH BEGAN TO SHRINK UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED ALTOGETHER. STILL, FOR A FEW YEARS RYOSAKU WAS UNABLE TO STAND, AND THEY SAY HE LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE A TOAD HOW HE CRAWLED AROUND ON HIS STOMACH.



SLICED OFF WITH A KNIFE, IT SIMPLY GROWS BACK ...



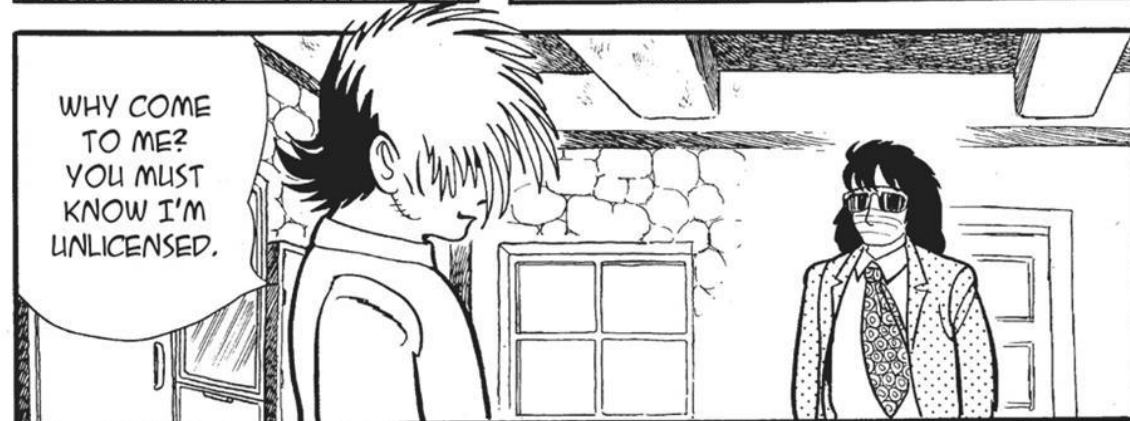
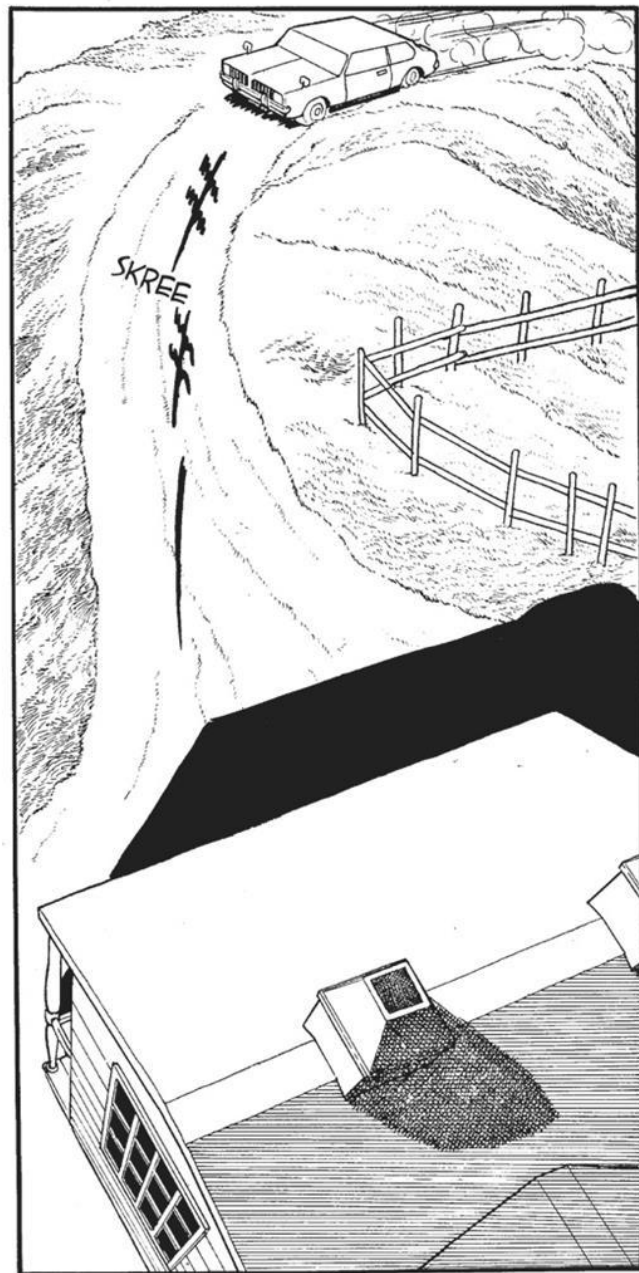
LEADING SOME TO DESPAIR AND SUICIDE.



THEY TEND TO APPEAR ON THE STOMACH OR KNEE-CAP, AND BEGIN TO TALK.

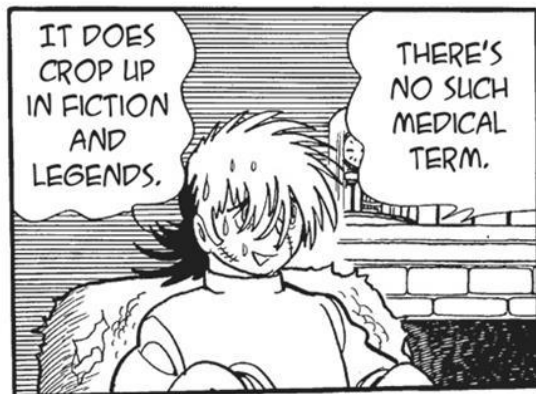
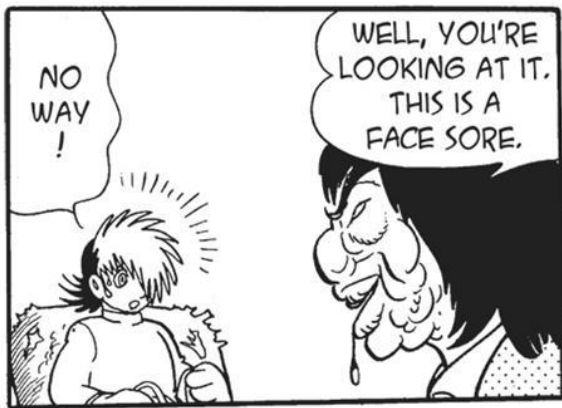
"FACE SORES" HAVE BEEN RECORDED NOT ONLY IN JAPAN, BUT OVERSEAS AS WELL ...





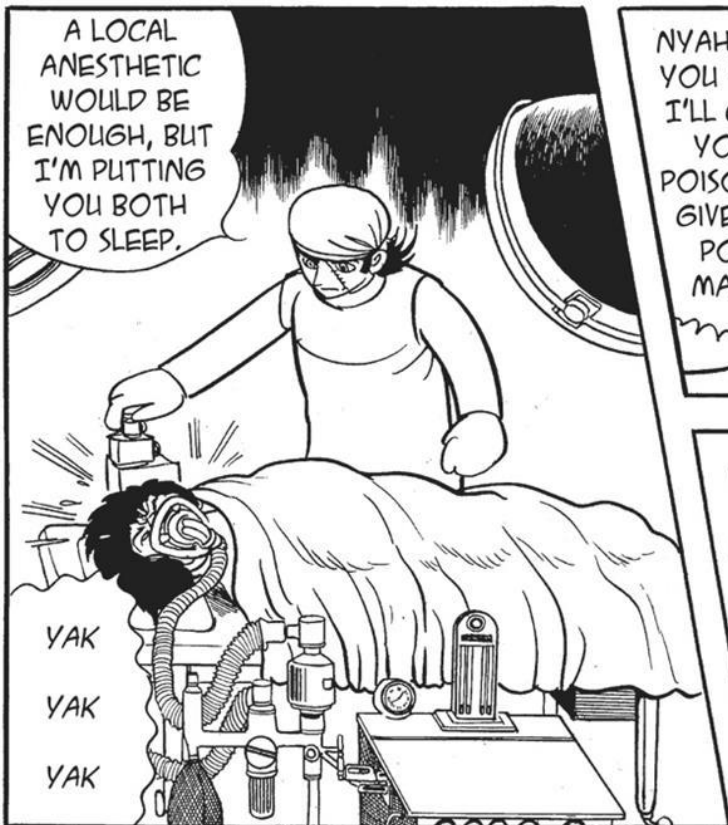














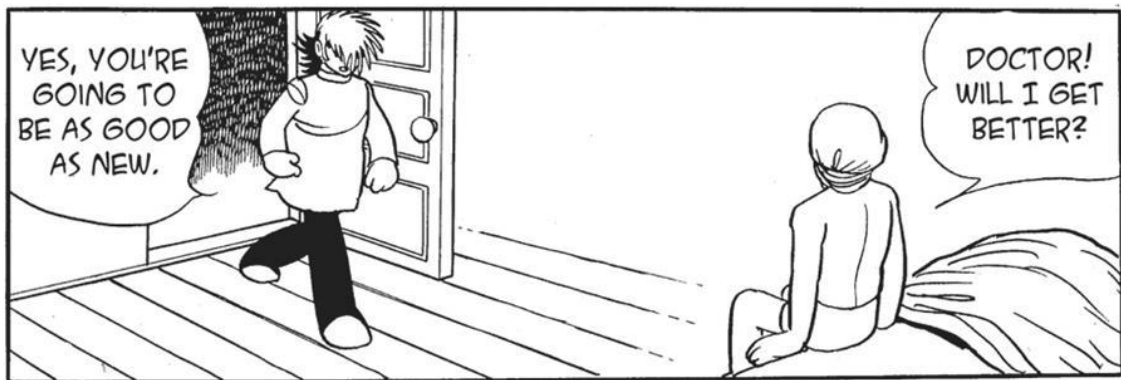
ALMOST LIKE
THIRD-
STAGE
SYPHILIS.

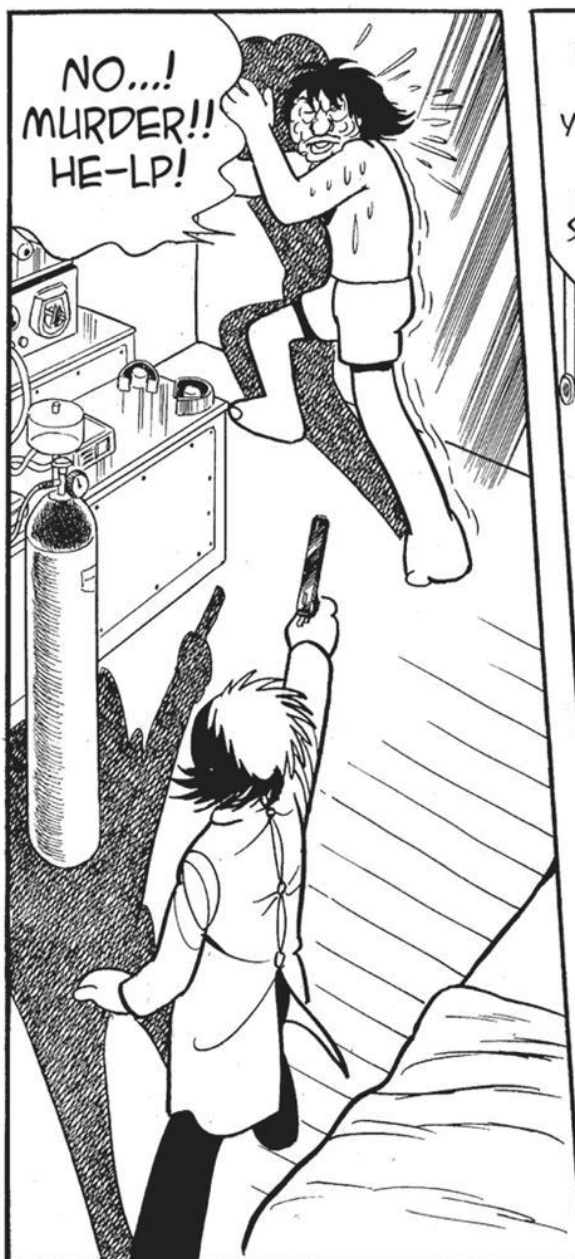


ABNORMAL
GROWTH OF
EPIDERMIS
AND
SUBCUTA-
NEOUS FAT.
SWOLLEN
LYMPH
NODES.



A
FACE SORE...
HA HA HA.
NOW I'VE
HEARD
EVERYTHING.





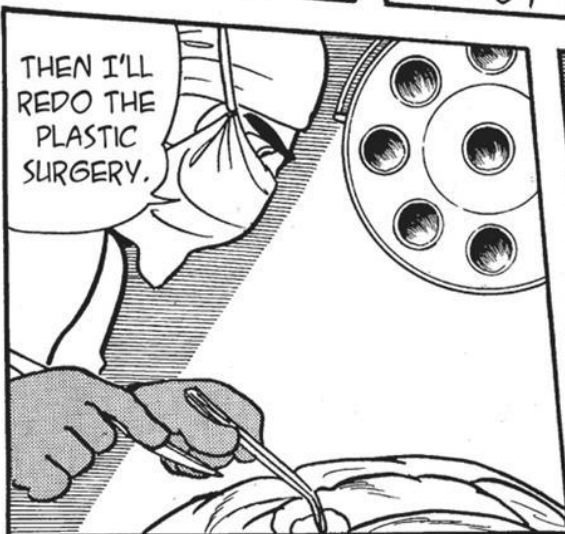


THAT
MERE
SLEEP
CAN'T
BANISH.

YOUR
ILLNESS
HAS
SOME
MENTAL
CAUSE...



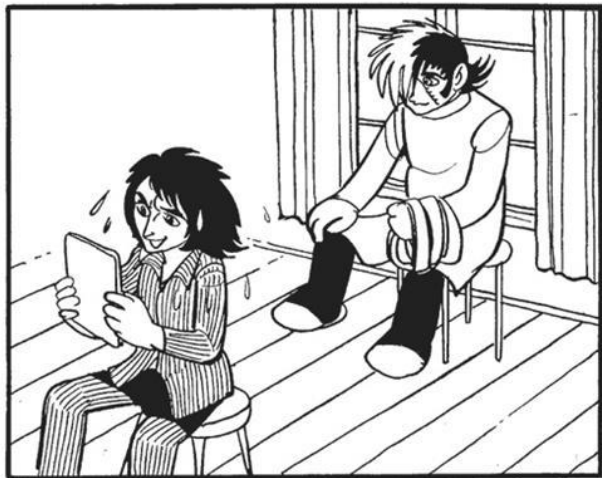
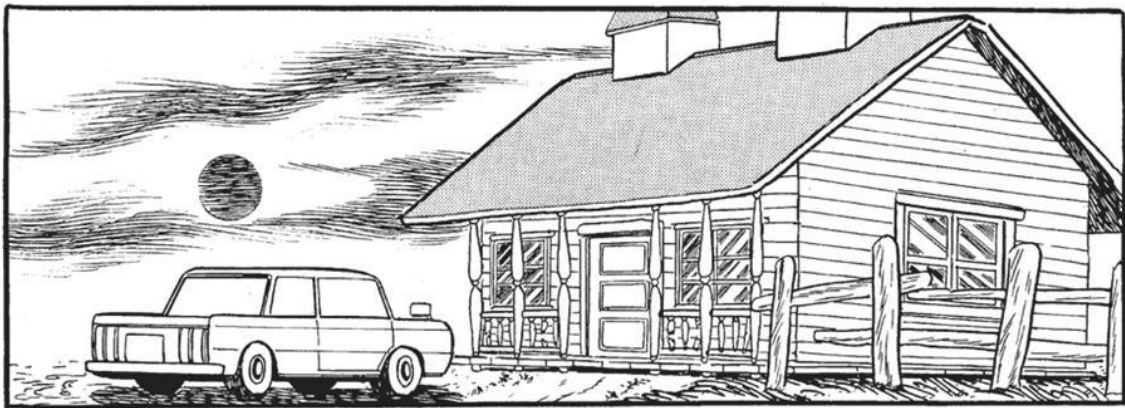
A LITTLE
EXTREME,
BUT I AIMED
CAREFULLY.

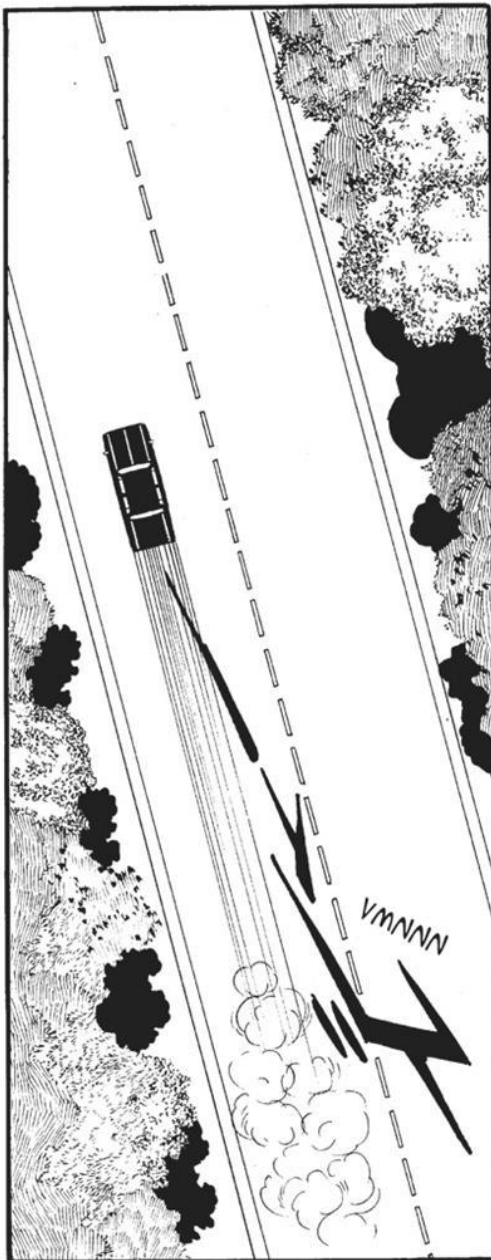
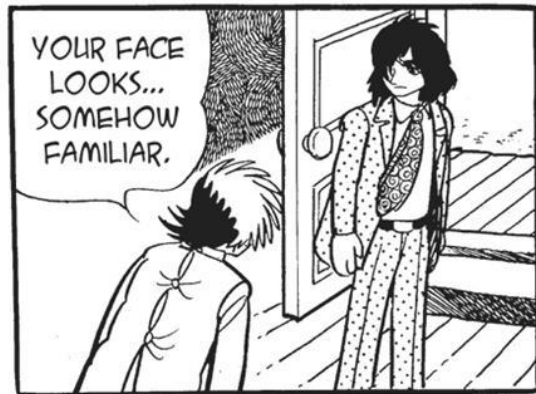


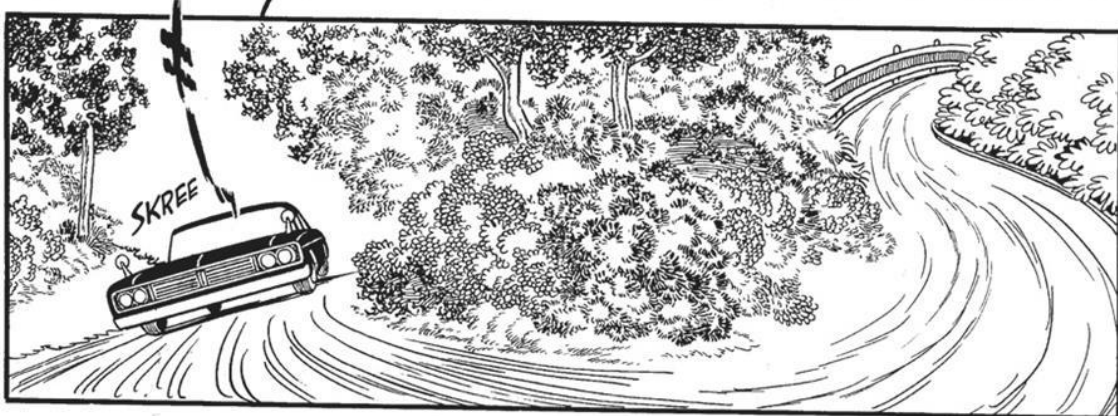
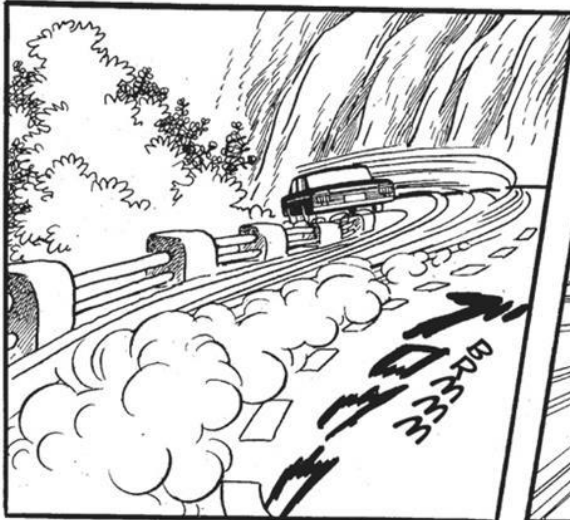
THEN I'LL
REDO THE
PLASTIC
SURGERY.

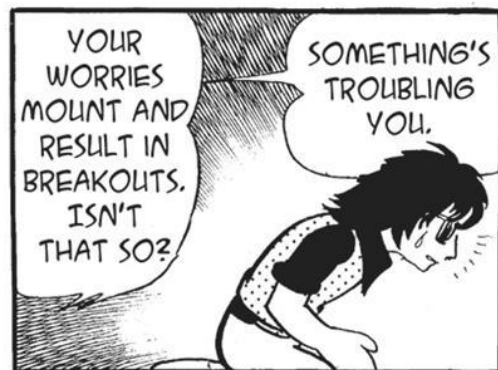


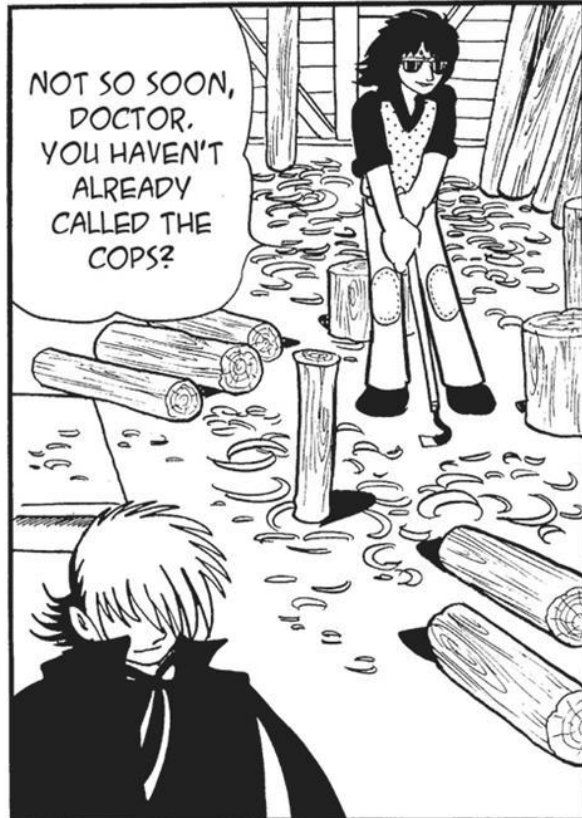
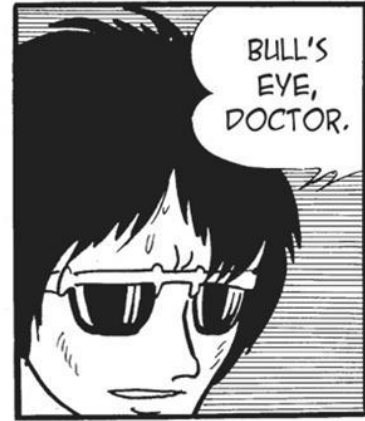
LET ME
START WITH
THAT BULLET
WOUND.





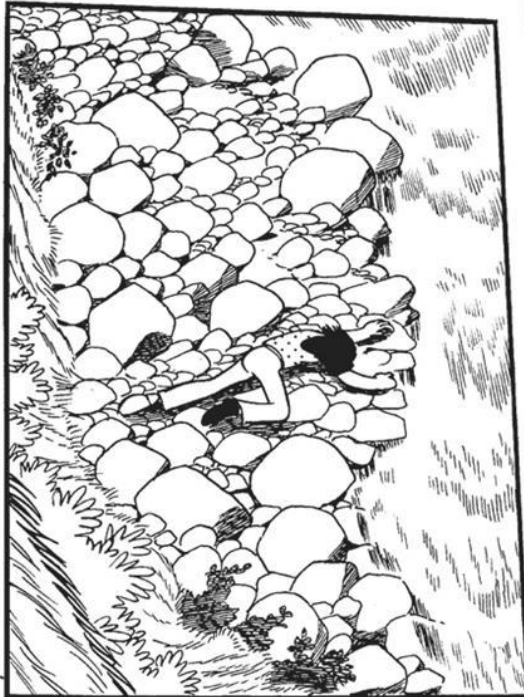


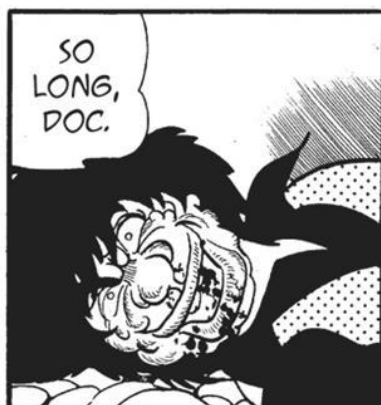




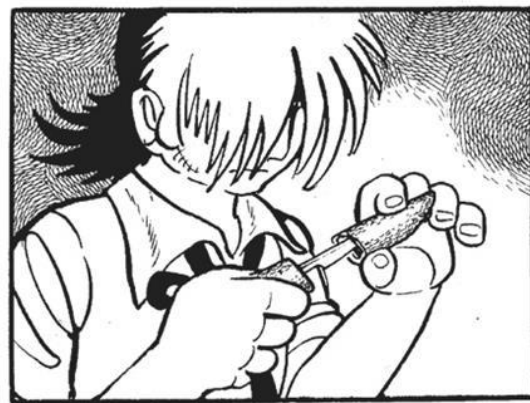
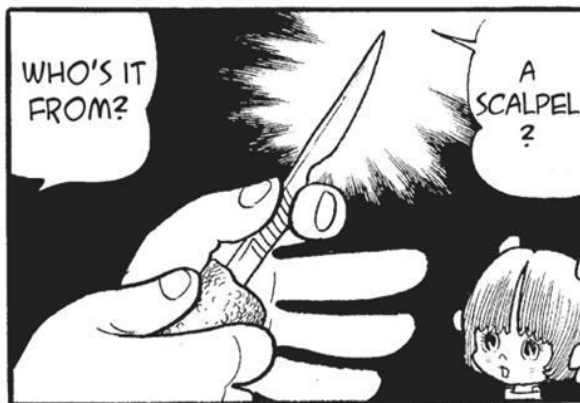




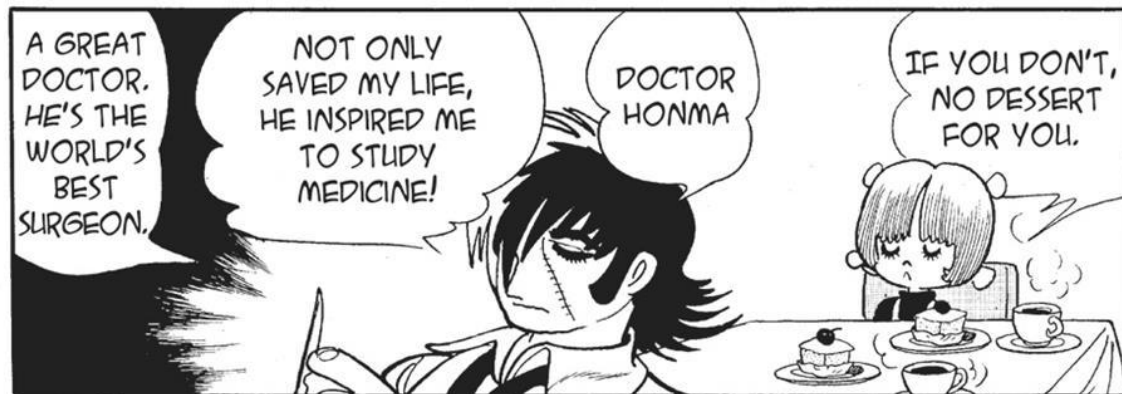
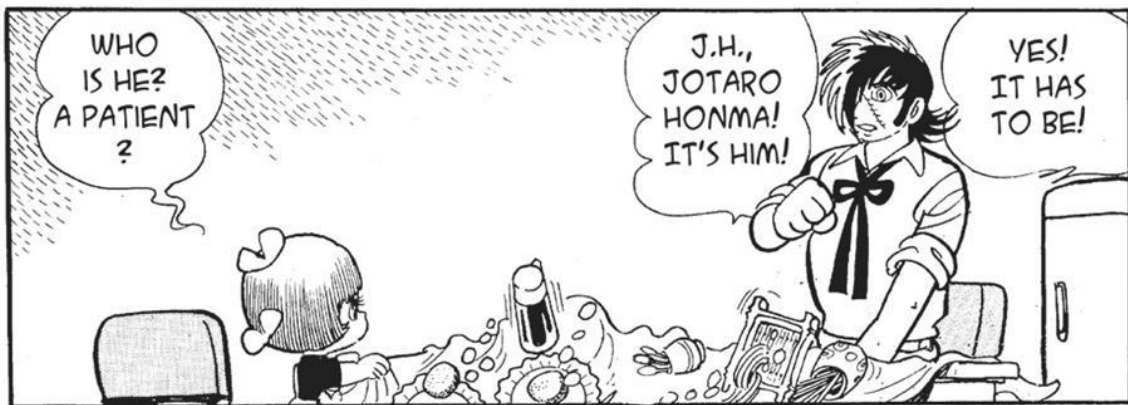


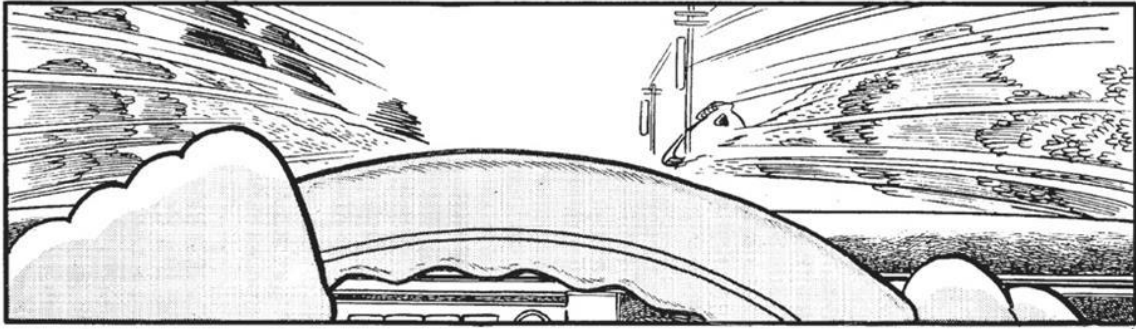


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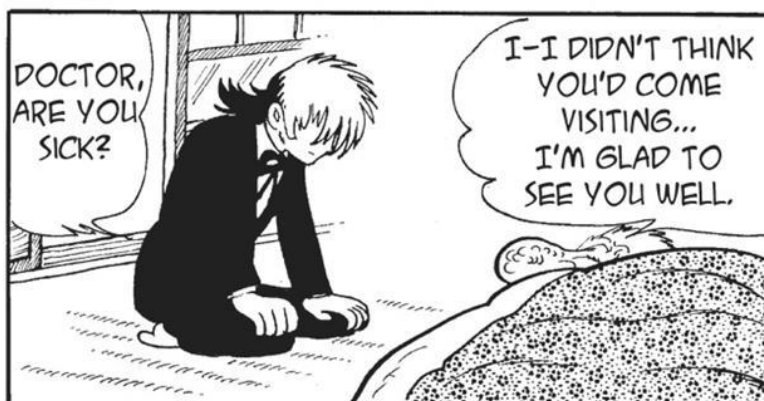


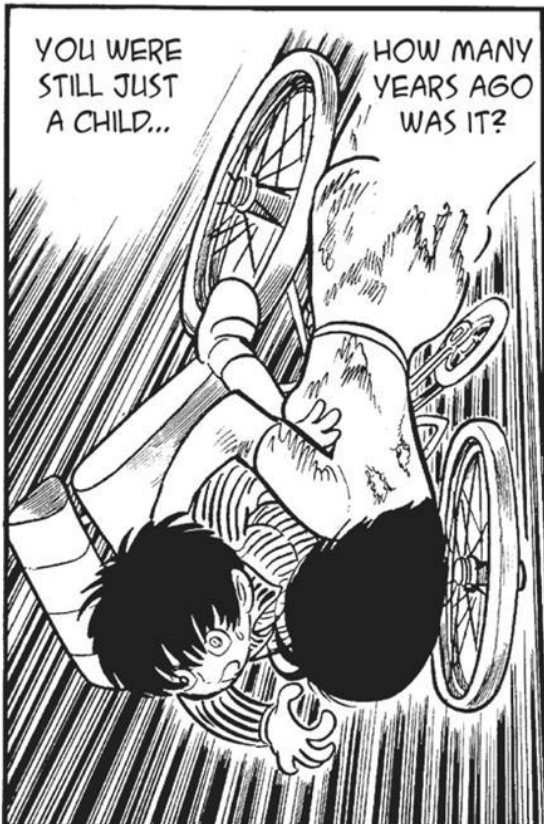
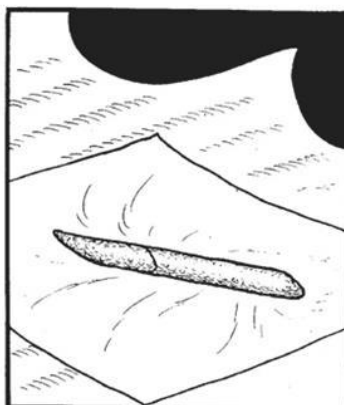
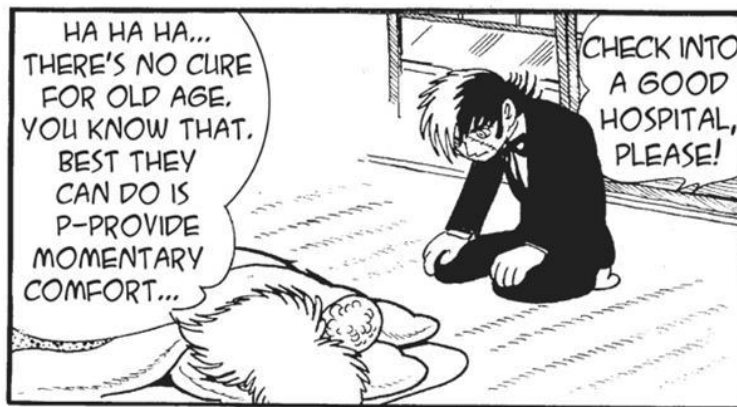


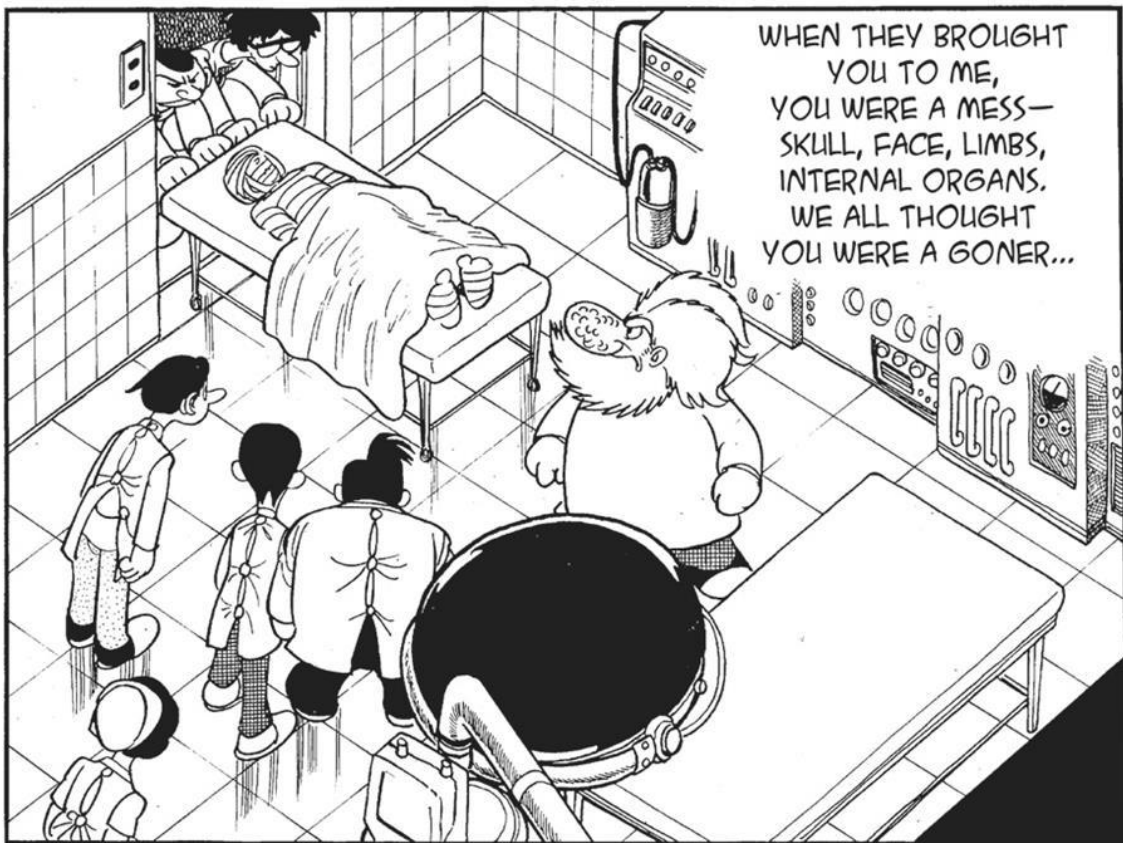


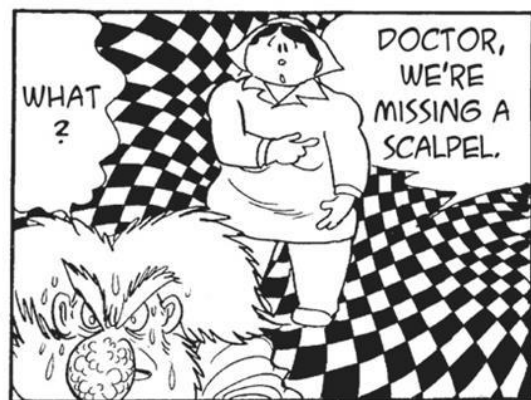
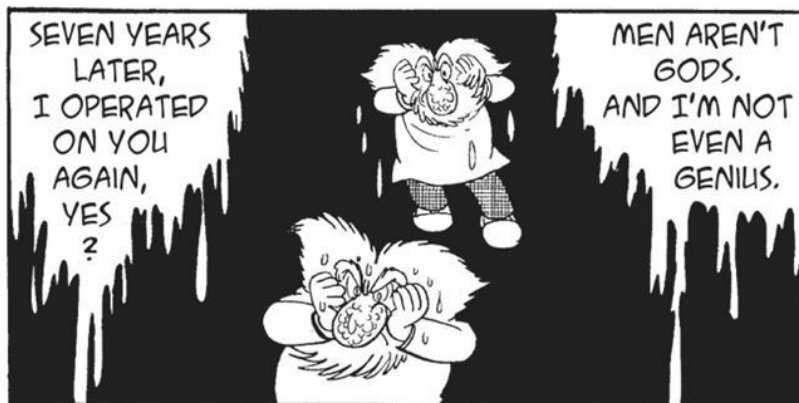


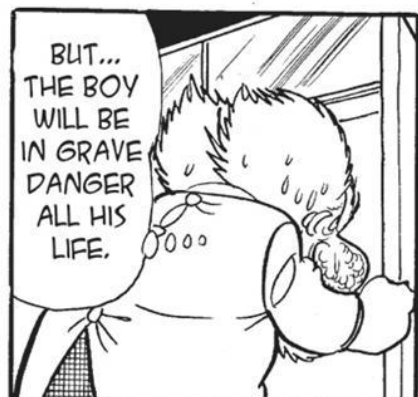


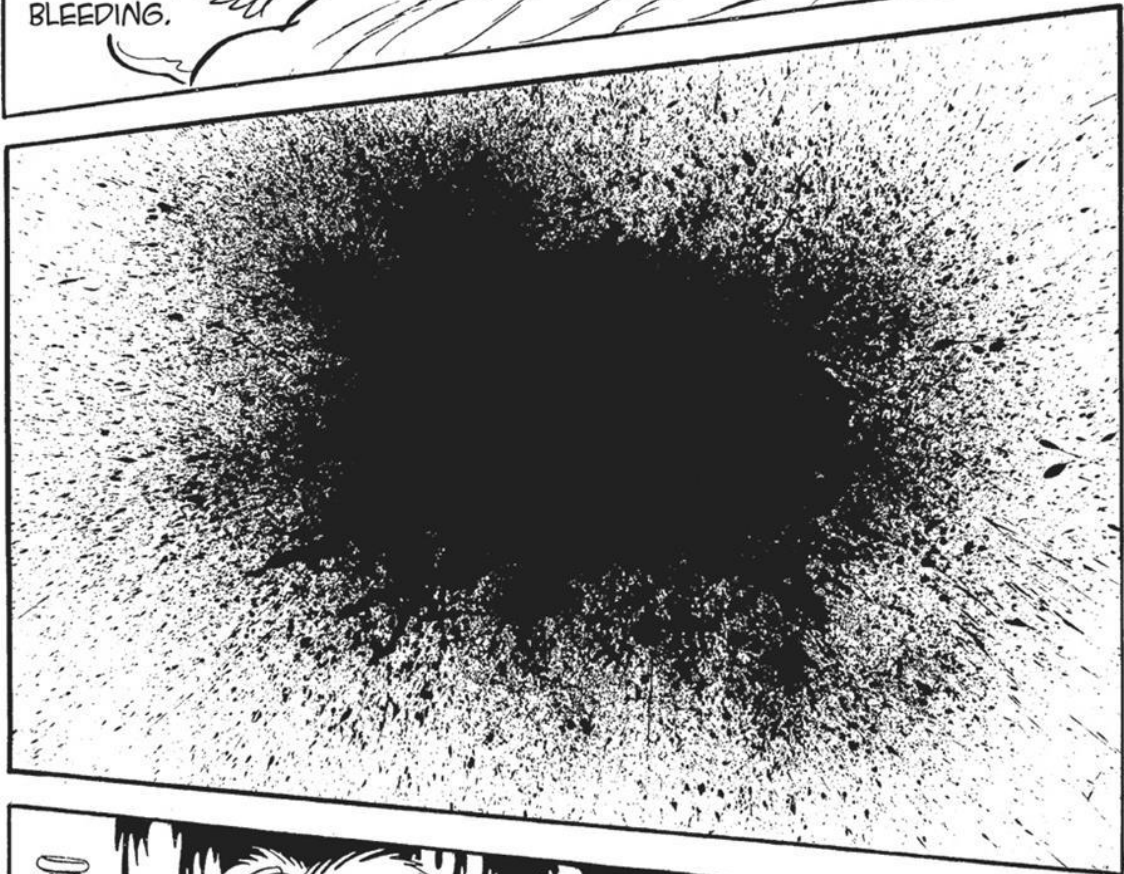
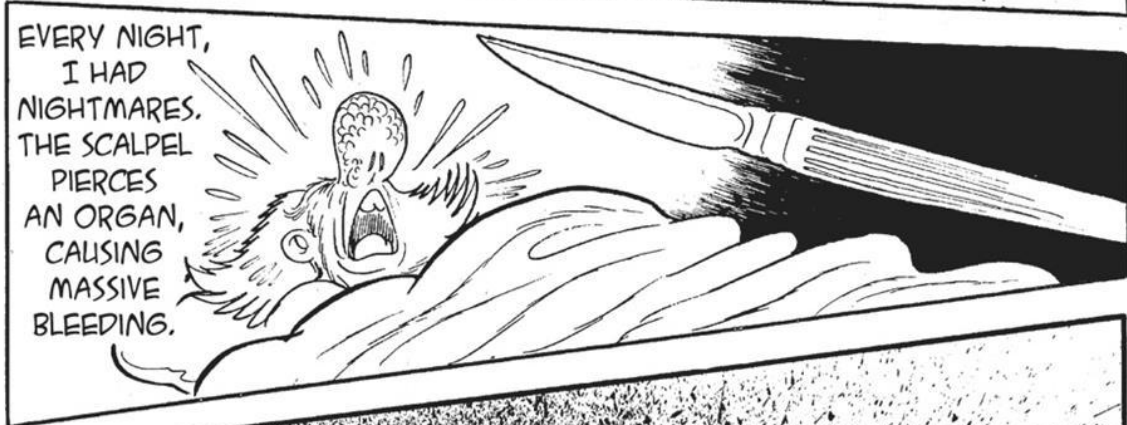
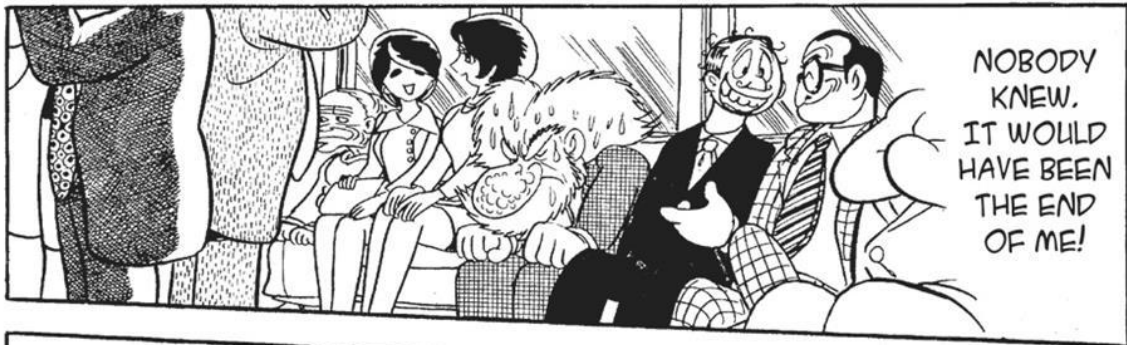




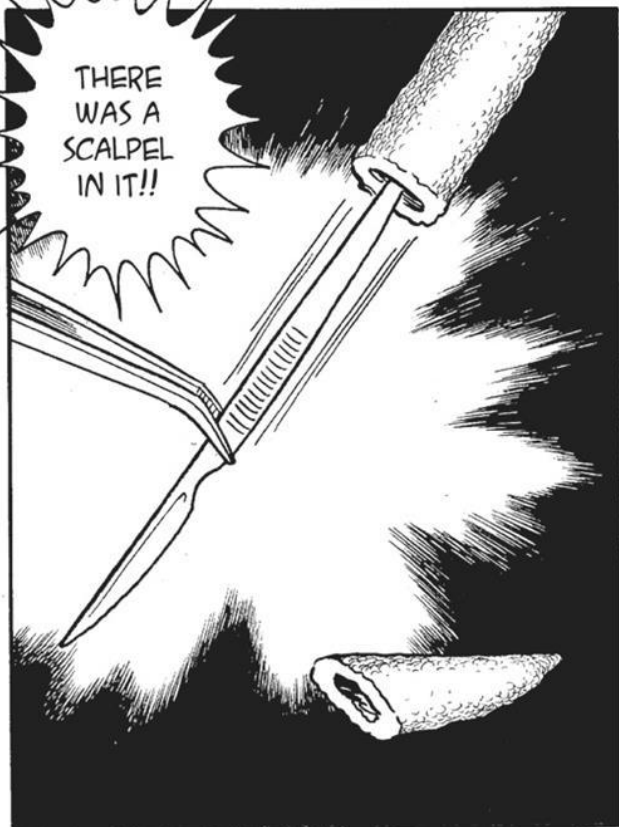


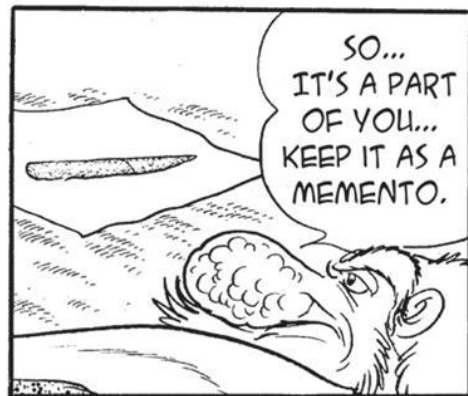
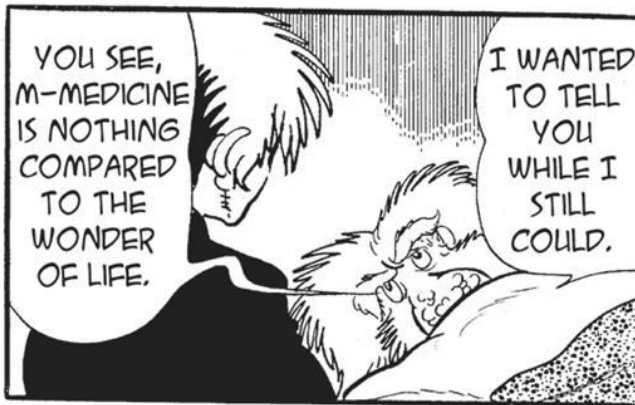
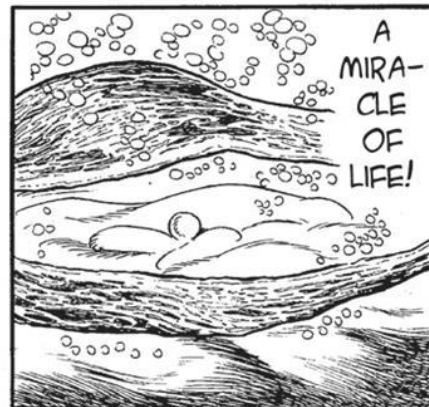
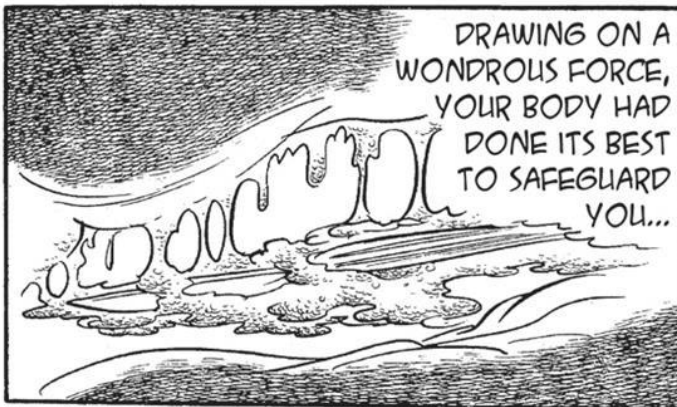
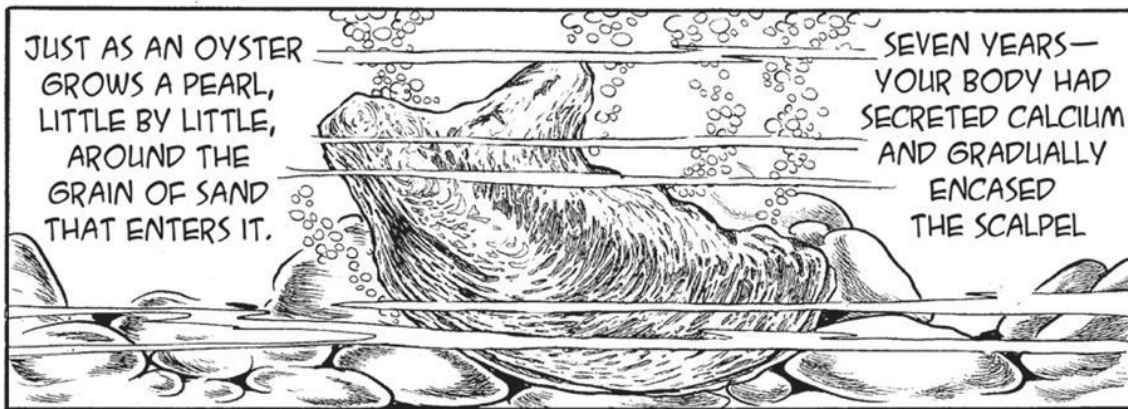


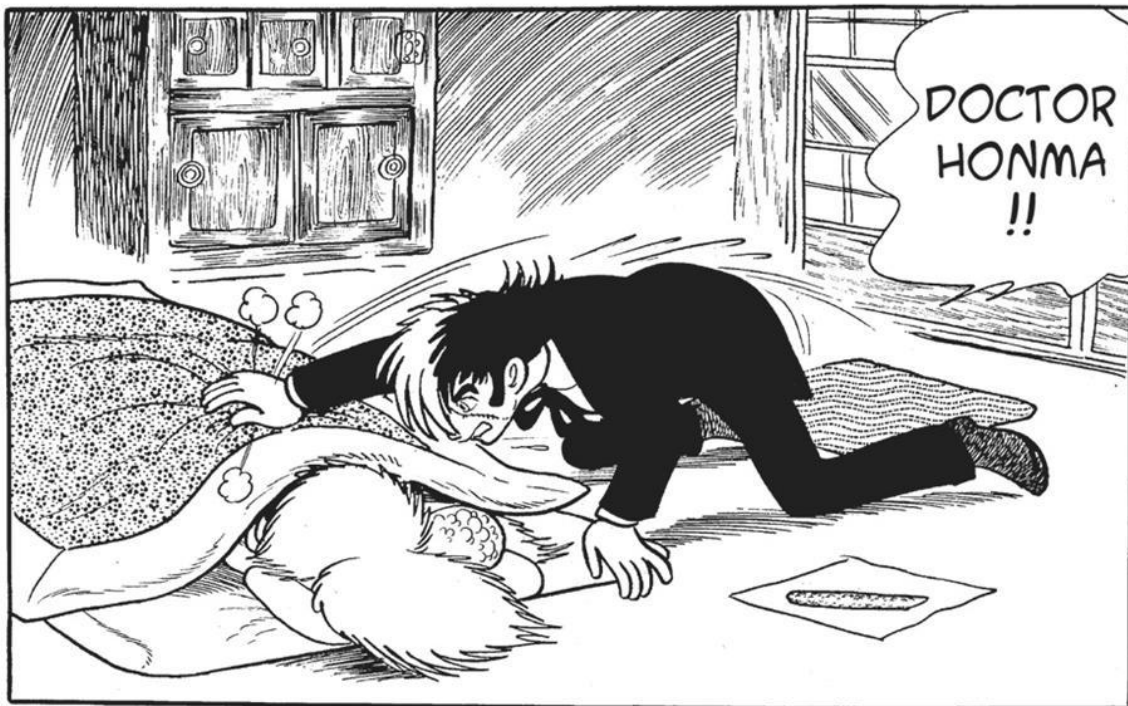


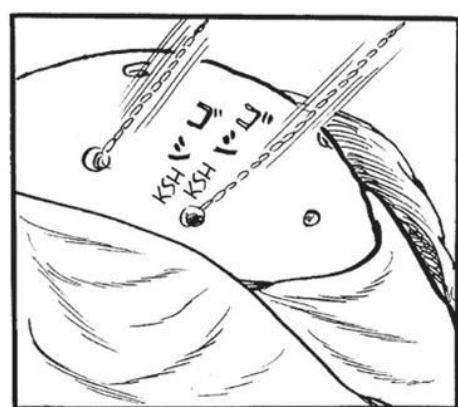
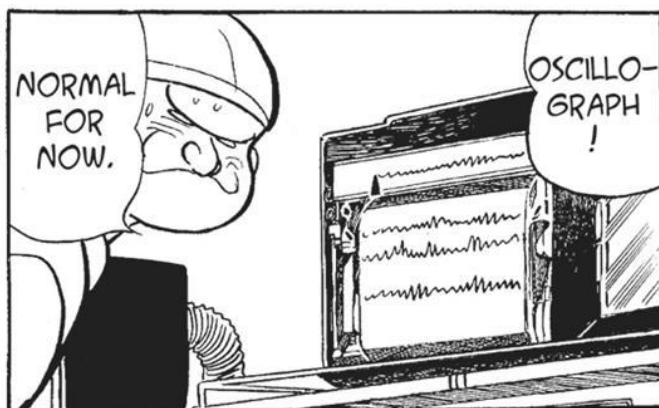
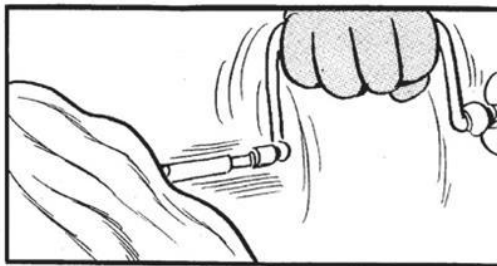
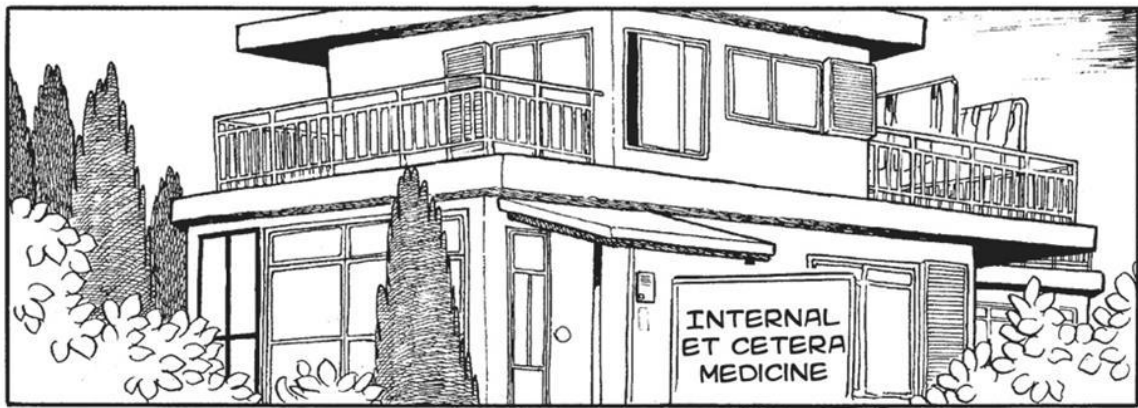


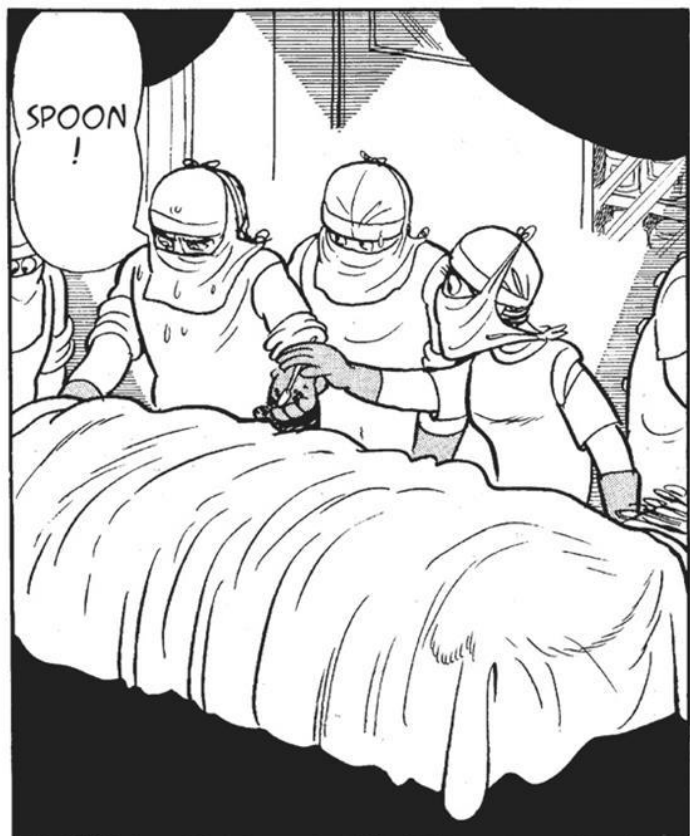
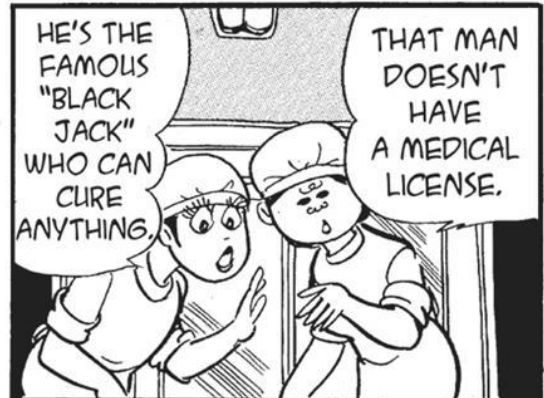
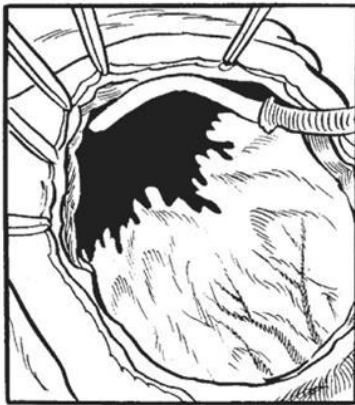


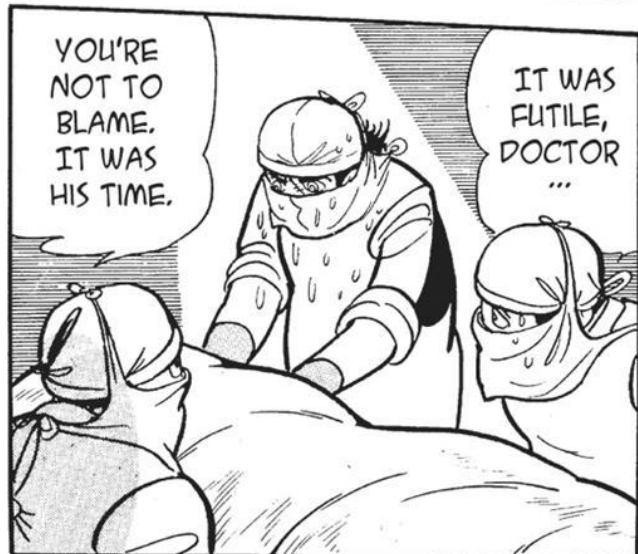
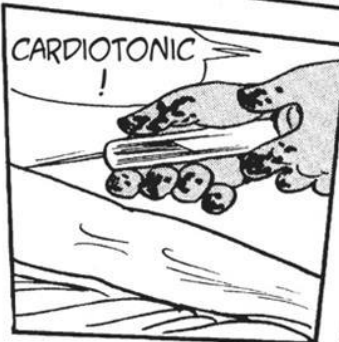






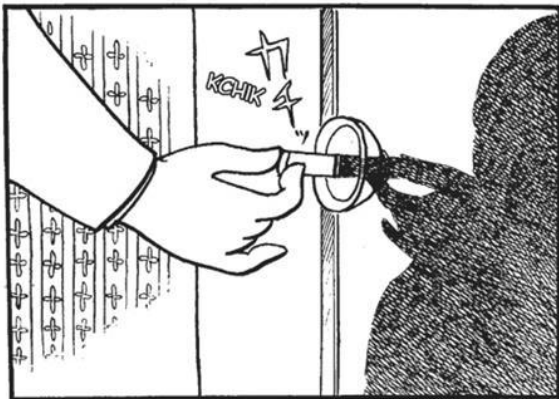
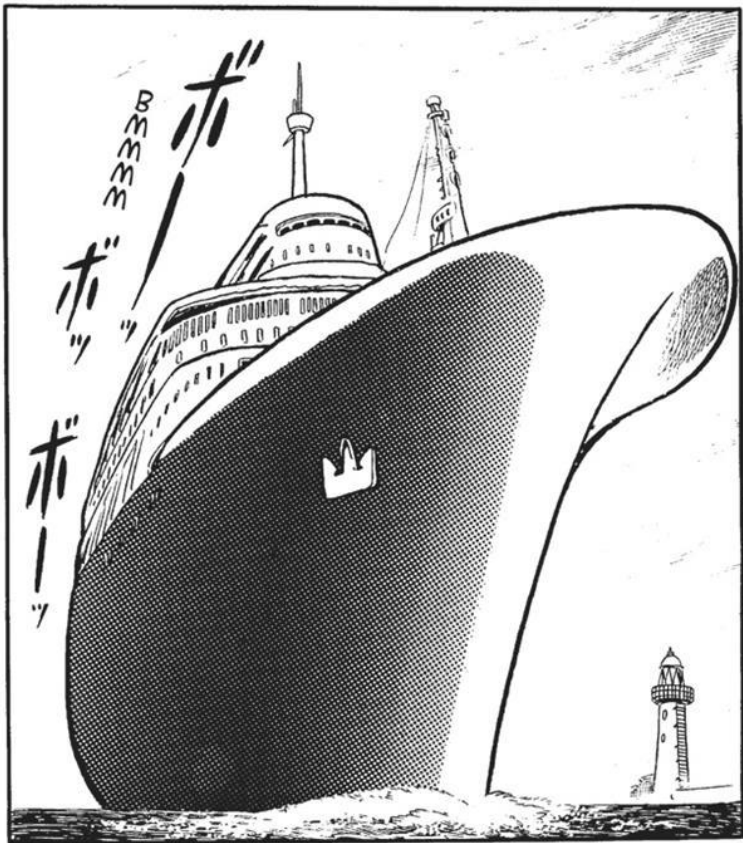


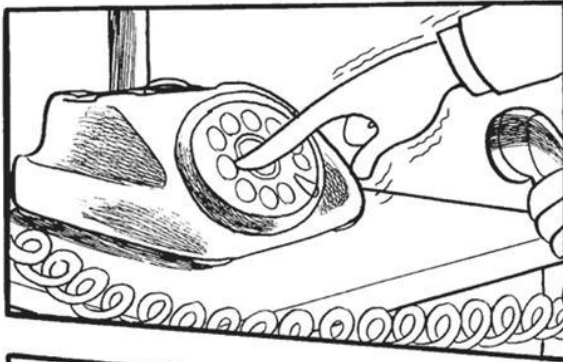


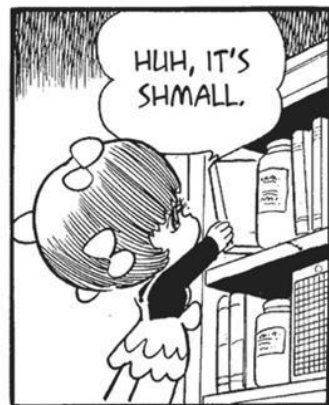
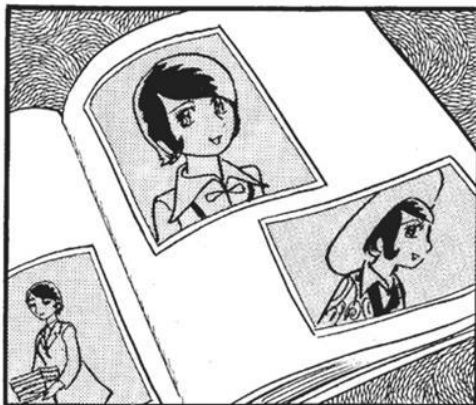




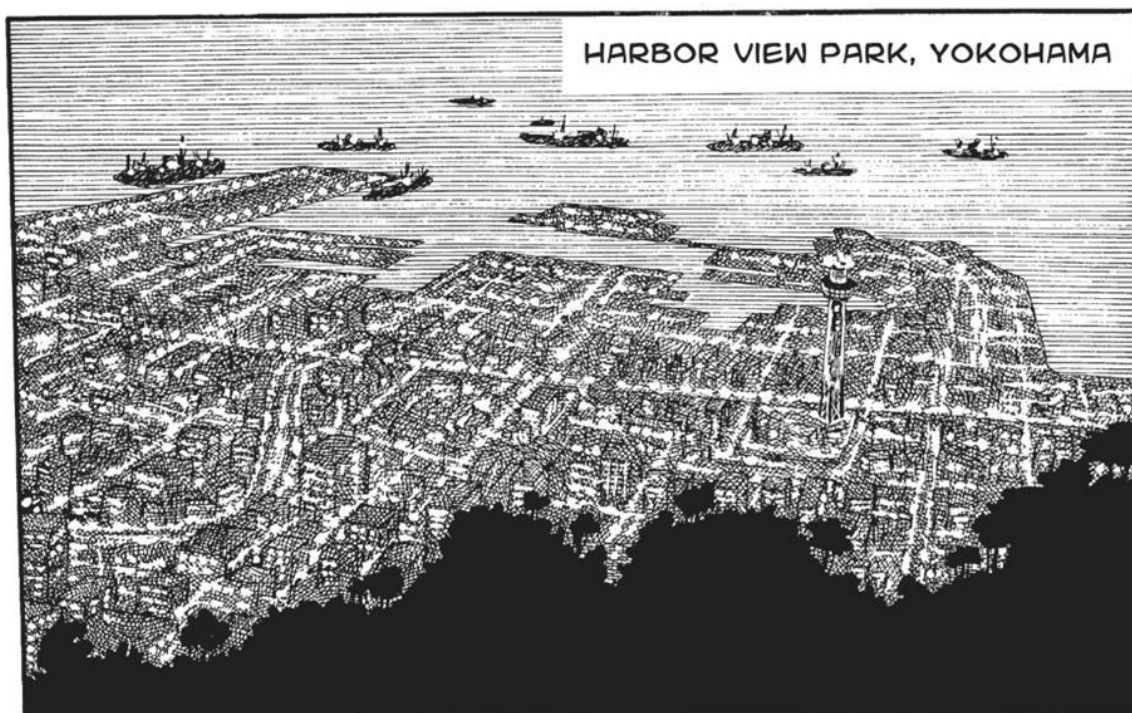
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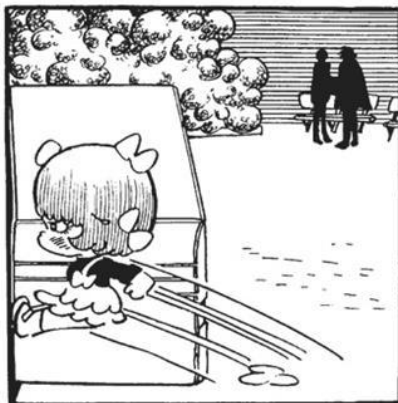
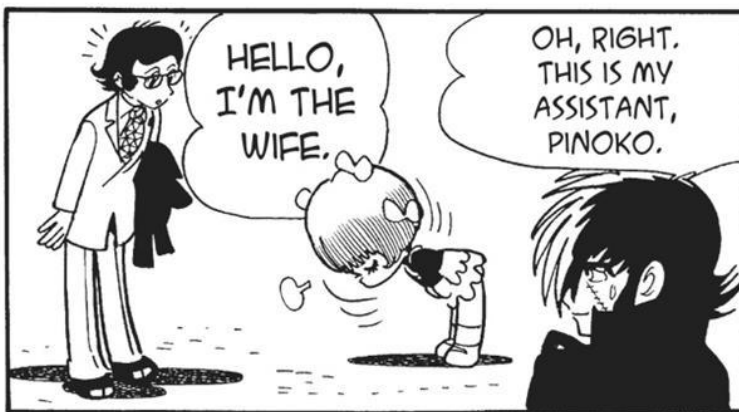


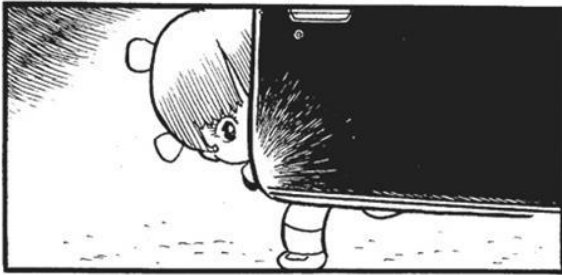


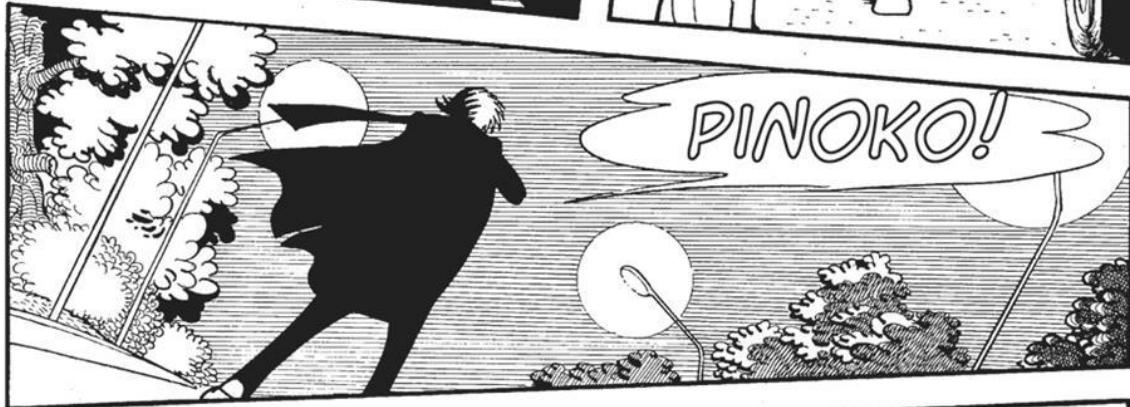


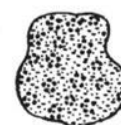
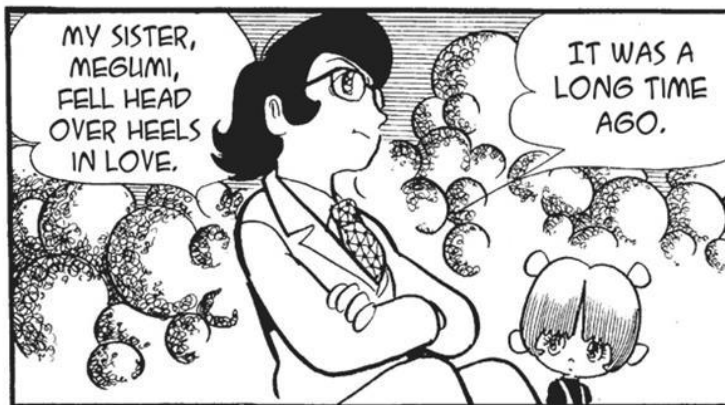




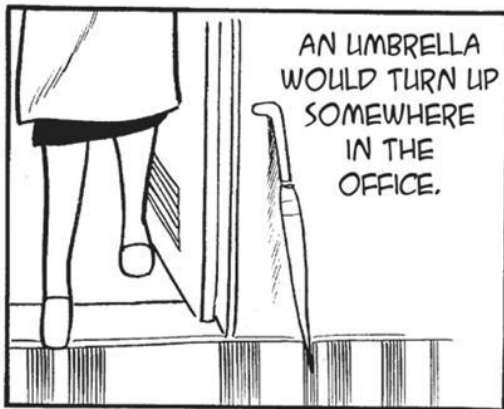




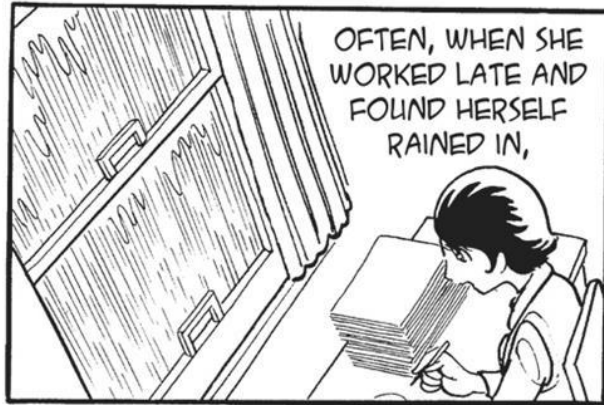




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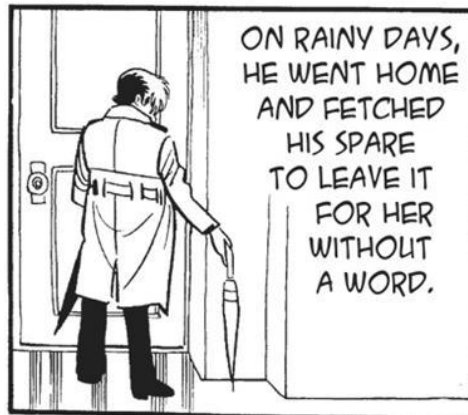
AN UMBRELLA
WOULD TURN UP
SOMEWHERE
IN THE
OFFICE.



OFTEN, WHEN SHE
WORKED LATE AND
FOUND HERSELF
RAINED IN,



WHEN MY SISTER
THANKED HIM AND
INVITED HIM TO WALK
HOME TOGETHER...



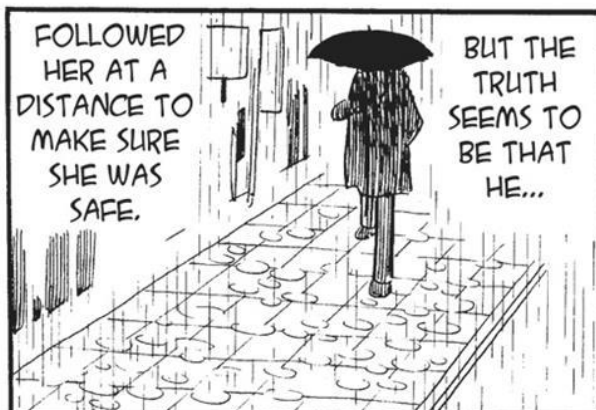
ON RAINY DAYS,
HE WENT HOME
AND FETCHED
HIS SPARE
TO LEAVE IT
FOR HER
WITHOUT
A WORD.



AFTER A WHILE,
MY SISTER
FIGURED OUT
ITS OWNER.



SHE'D ALWAYS
HEAD HOME
ALONE IN
THE DARK,



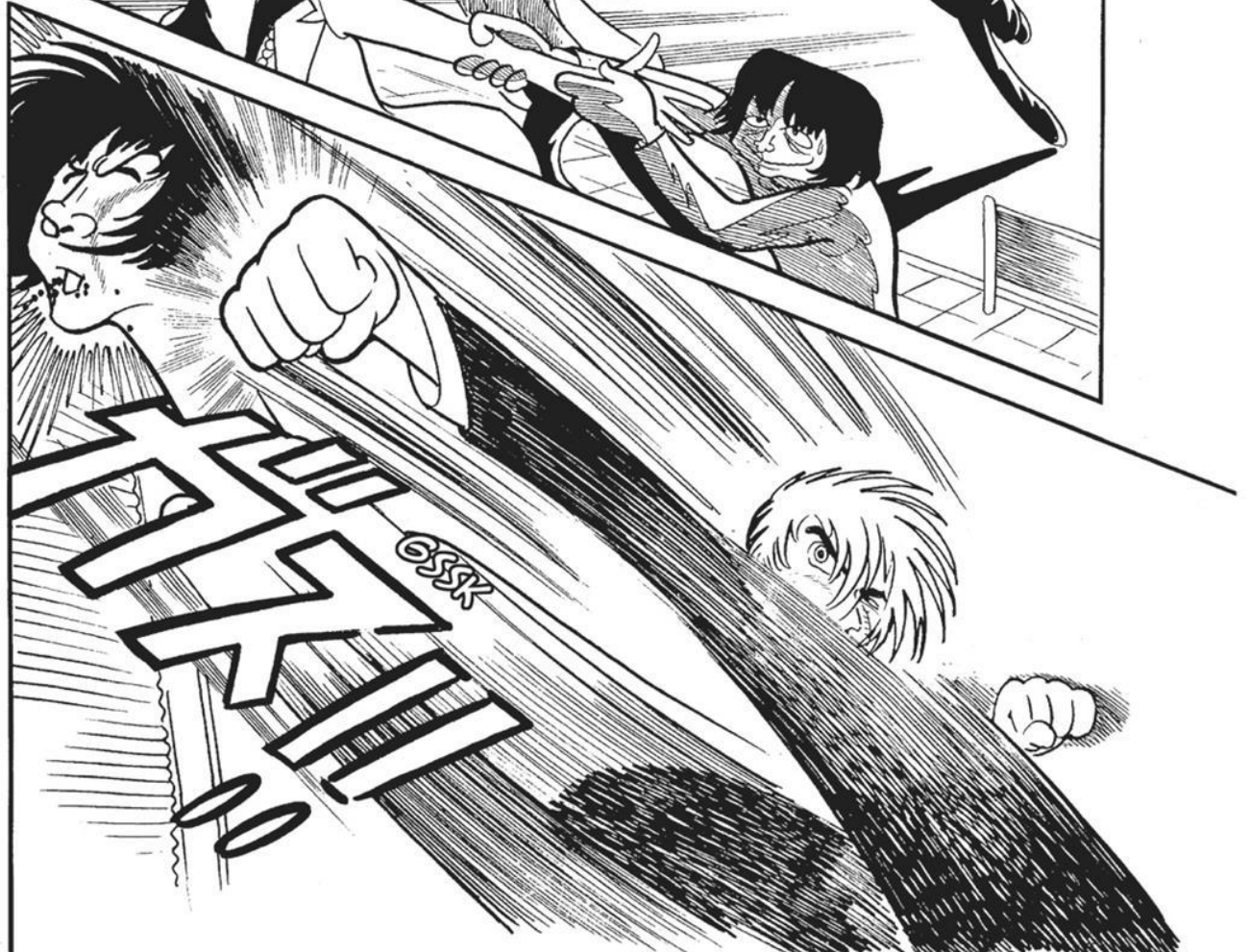
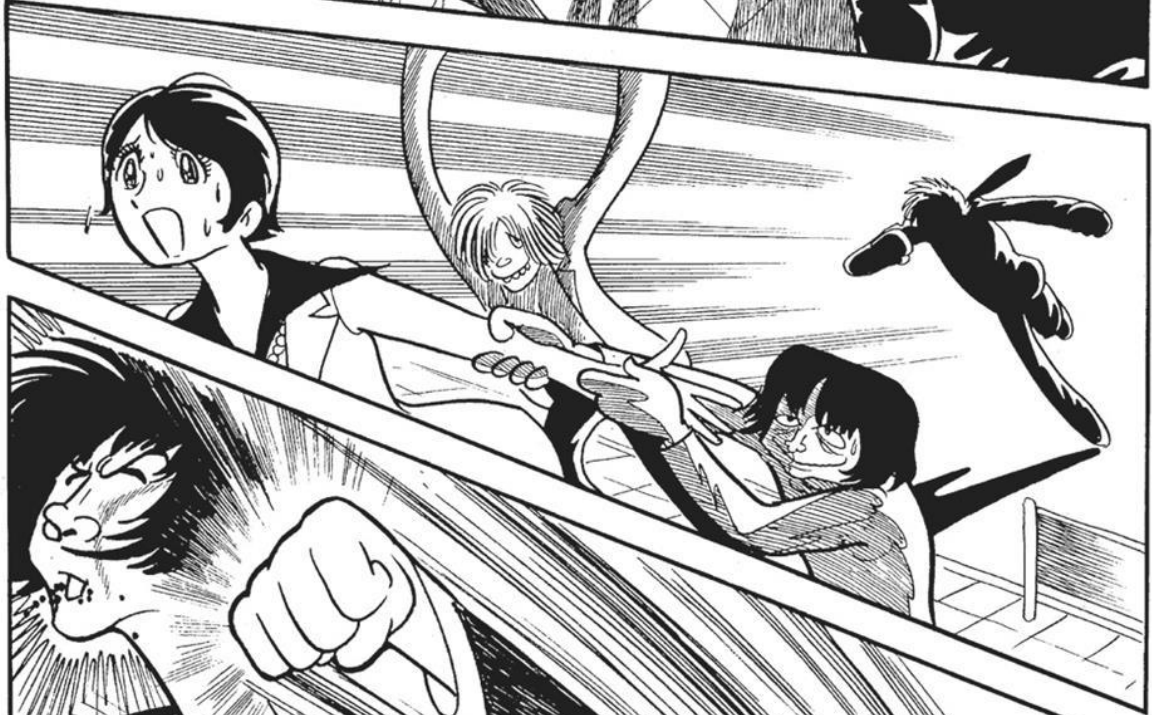
FOLLOWED
HER AT A
DISTANCE TO
MAKE SURE
SHE WAS
SAFE.

BUT THE
TRUTH
SEEMS TO
BE THAT
HE...



WOMEN
SHOULDN'T
WORK
SO LATE
...

HE BRUSQUELY
REPLIED THAT
HE HAD WORK
TO DO AND
WENT TO
HIS DESK.





IT CAN'T BE A
COINCIDENCE.
HE'S BEEN GUARDING
ME EVERY NIGHT.
THAT MUST BE IT.



BUT THEN,
WHY DOES
HE ACT
SO COLD
TO ME?



PERHAPS
IT WAS HIS
COLDNESS;
MORE LIKELY,
HIS FACE
MADE
PEOPLE
UNEASY.

BUT
MEGUMI
FELT
THAT
SHE'D...

WHEN
HE WAS
NOWHERE
IN SIGHT,

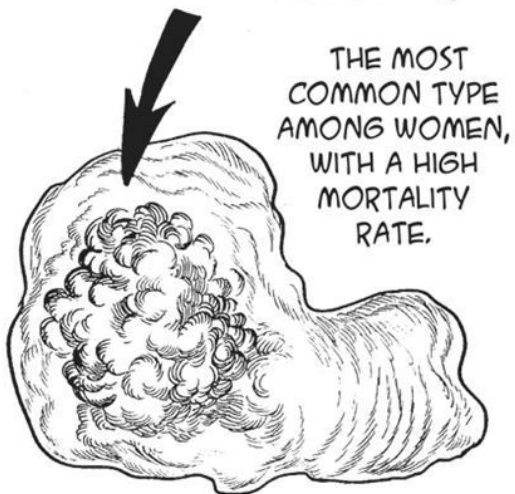
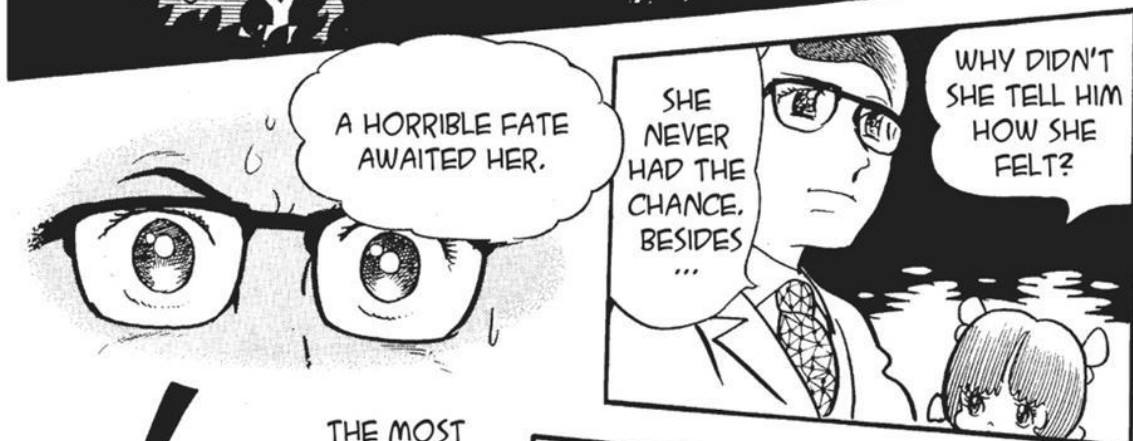
YES.
AMONG THE STAFF
AND AT SCHOOL,
DR. BLACK JACK
WAS AN OUTCAST.

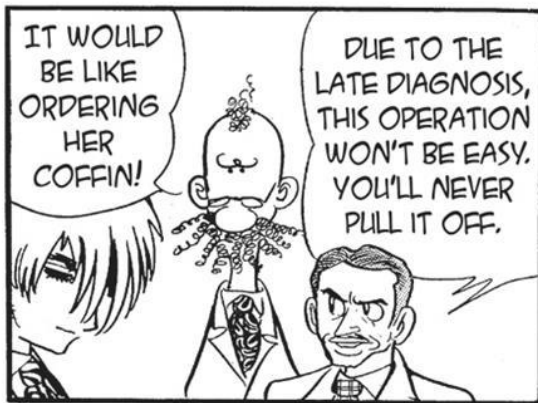
GOTTEN
A PEEK
OF THE
SOUL
BENEATH
HIS STONY
MASK.

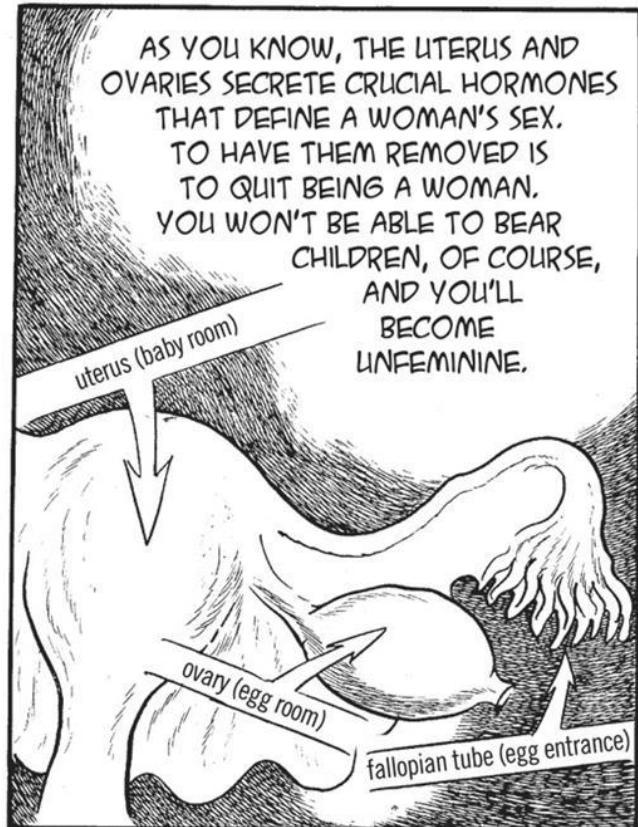
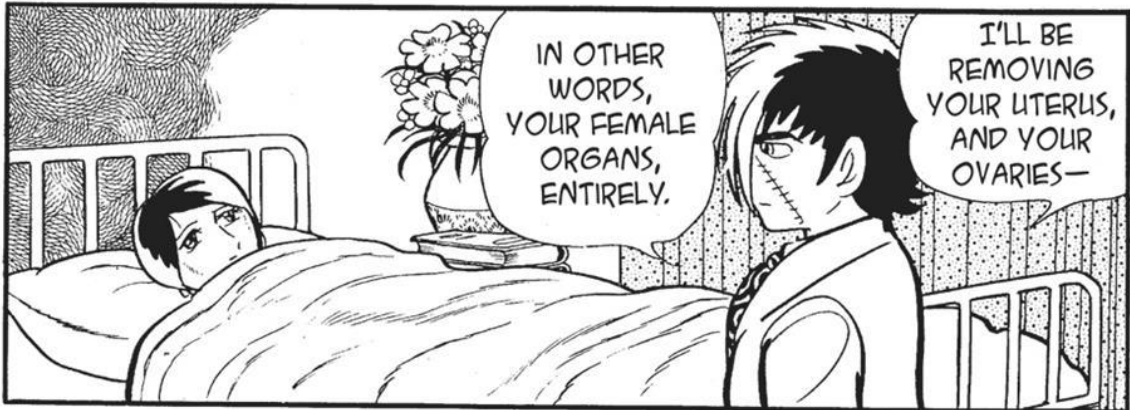
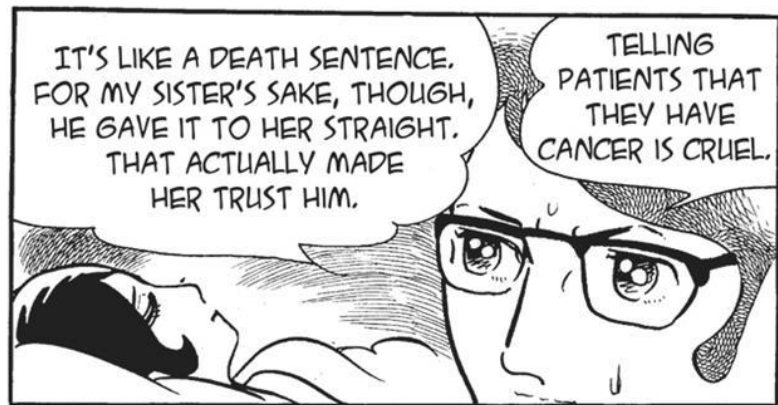
SHE BECAME RESTLESS.
JUST SPOTTING
HIS FIGURE AMIDST
A CROWD WAS
EVENTUALLY ENOUGH
TO MAKE HER HEART
FLUTTER.

DID HE
KNOW?
EITHER WAY,
HE WAS
AWFULLY
ABRUPT
WITH HER.

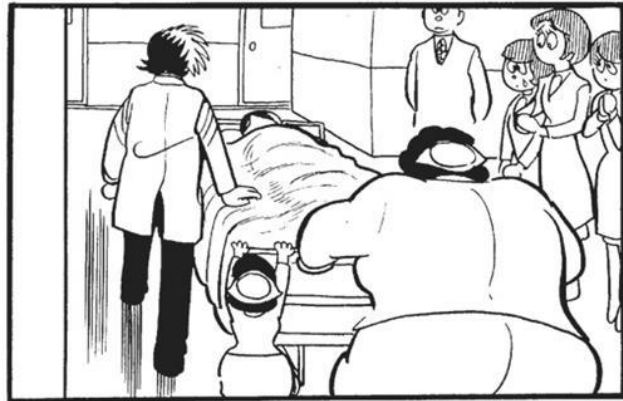
SHE REALIZED
THAT SHE WAS
FALLING
IN LOVE
WITH HIM.

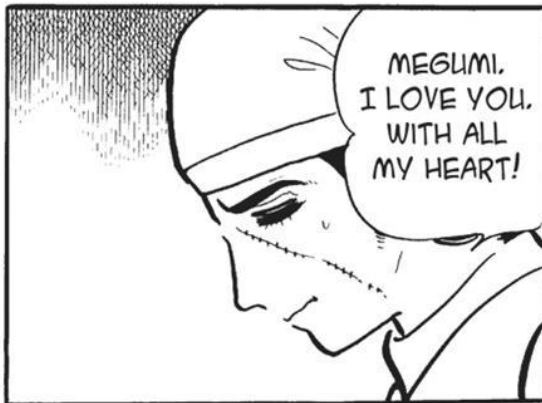


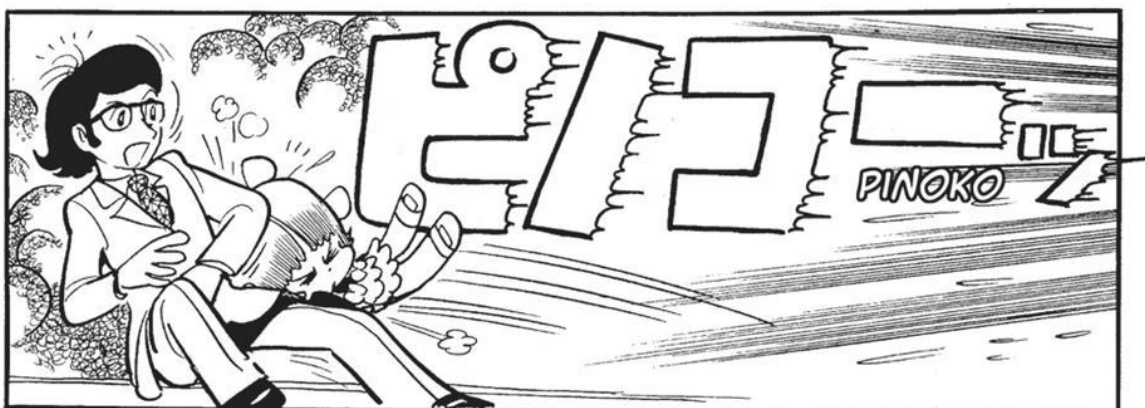




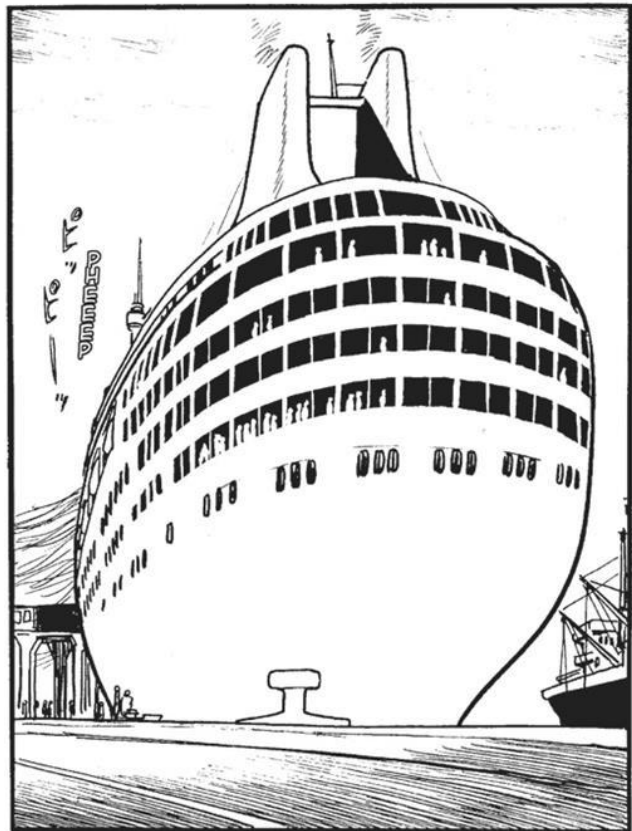
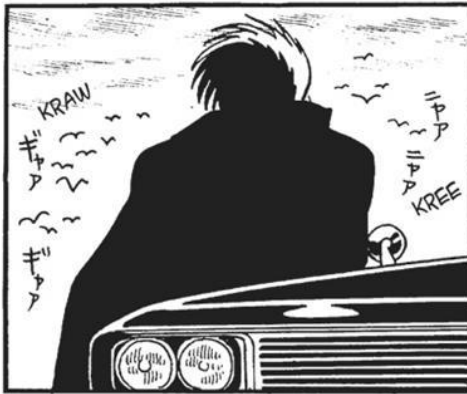
NOTE: INFORMED CONSENT WAS VIRTUALLY NONEXISTENT IN JAPAN ESPECIALLY WITH CANCER. THE TRUTH WAS USUALLY CONCEALED FROM THE PATIENT BUT SHARED WITH THE CLOSEST FAMILY MEMBER.

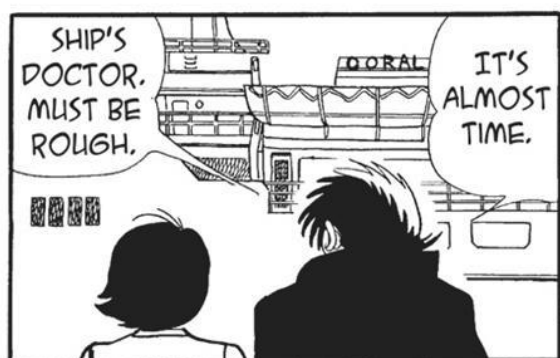
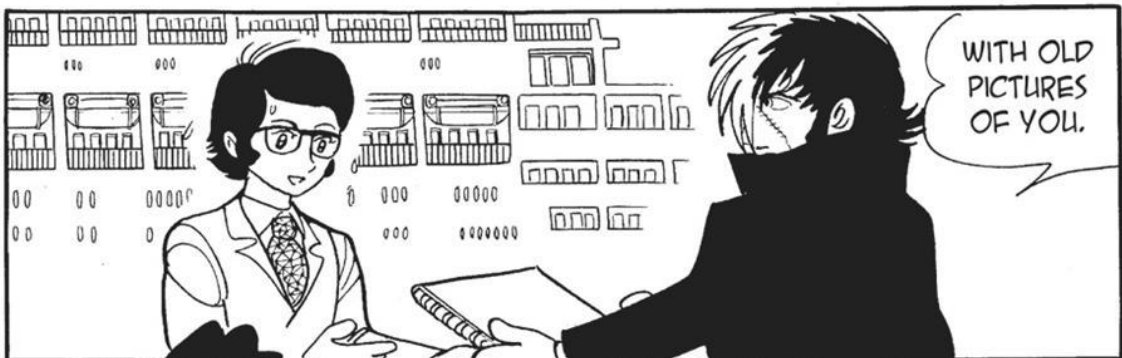
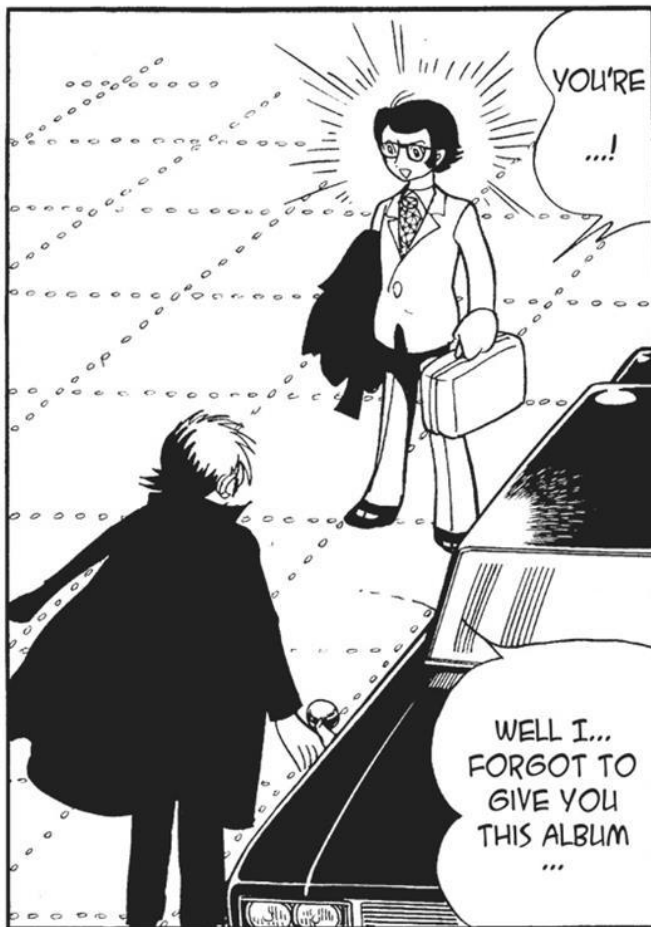




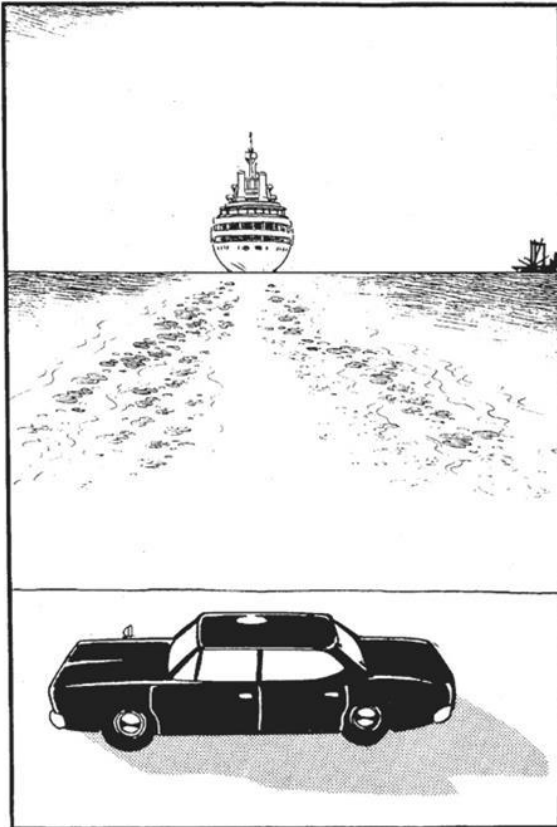
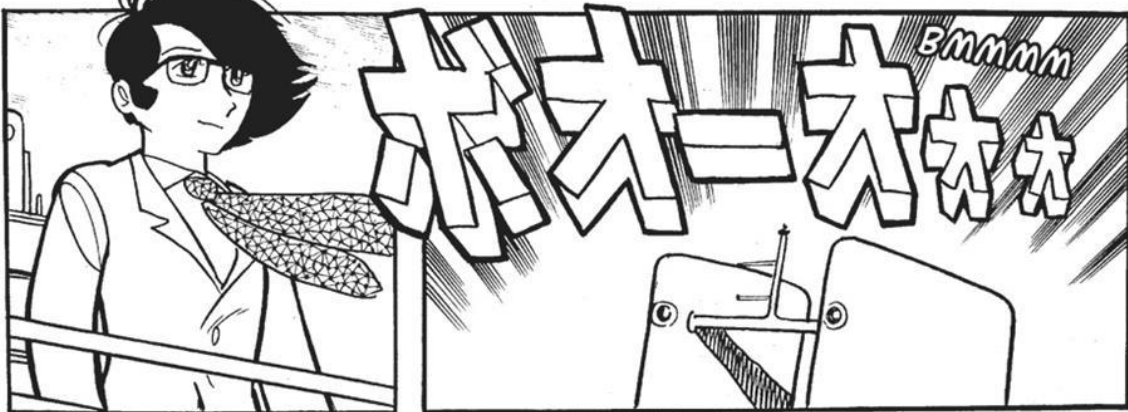
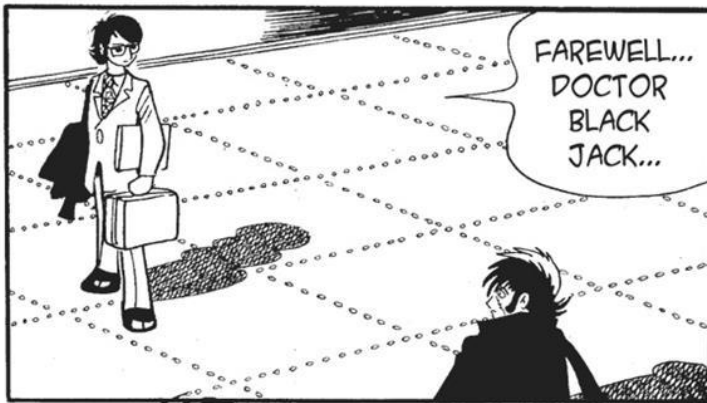




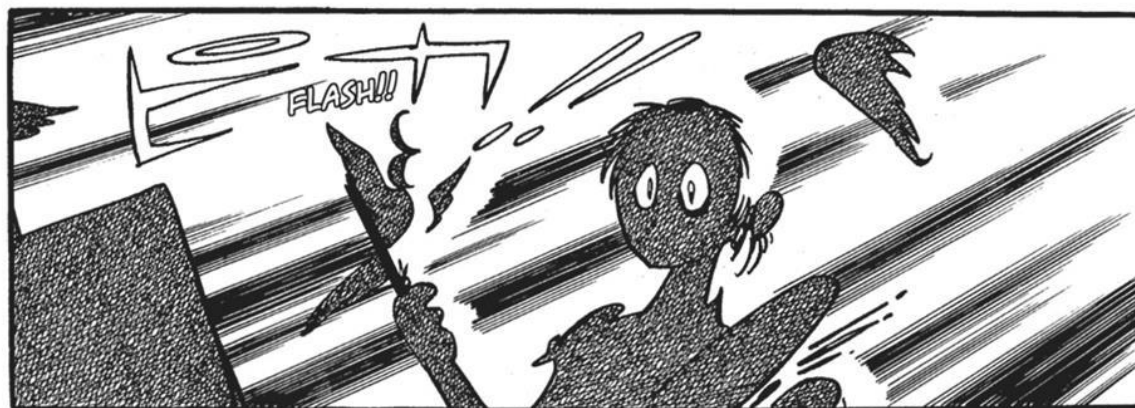
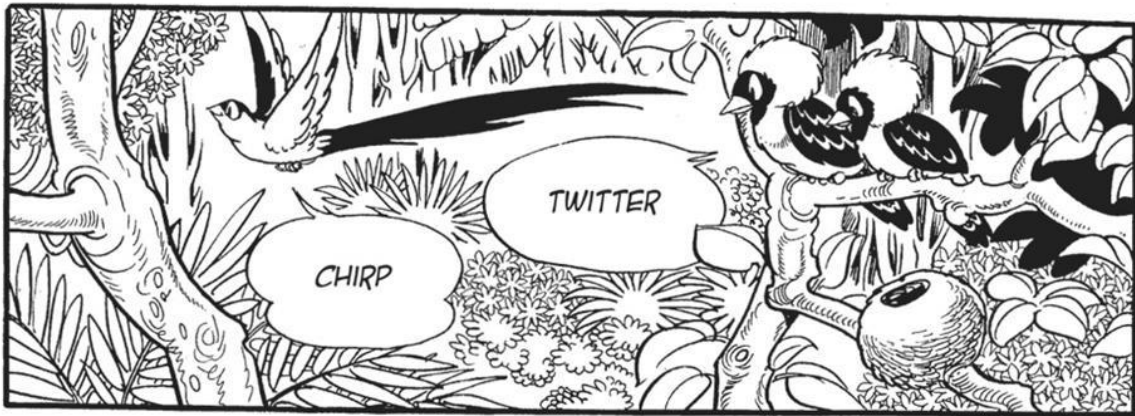


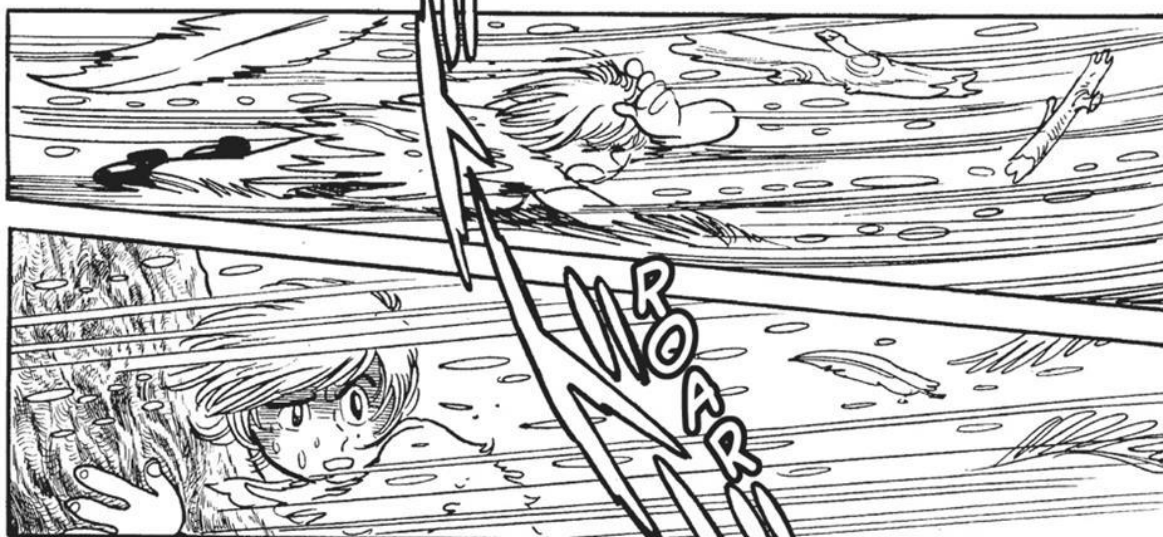


NOTE: KISARAGI'S FIRST NAME, "KEI," AND "MEGUMI" ARE ALTERNATE READINGS OF THE SAME CHINESE CHARACTER.

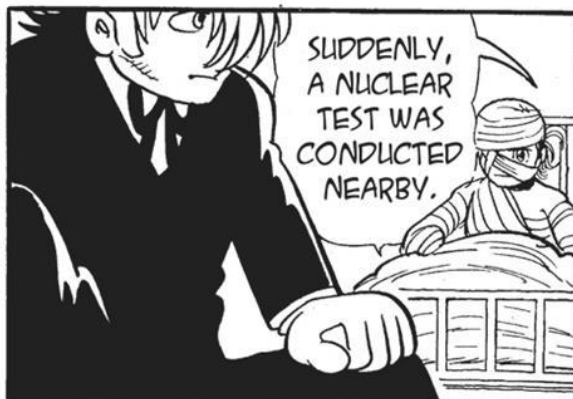
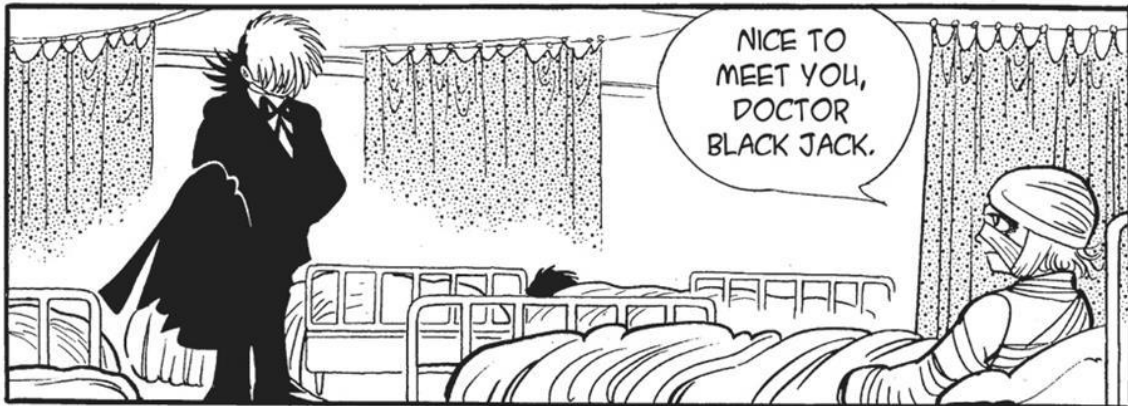
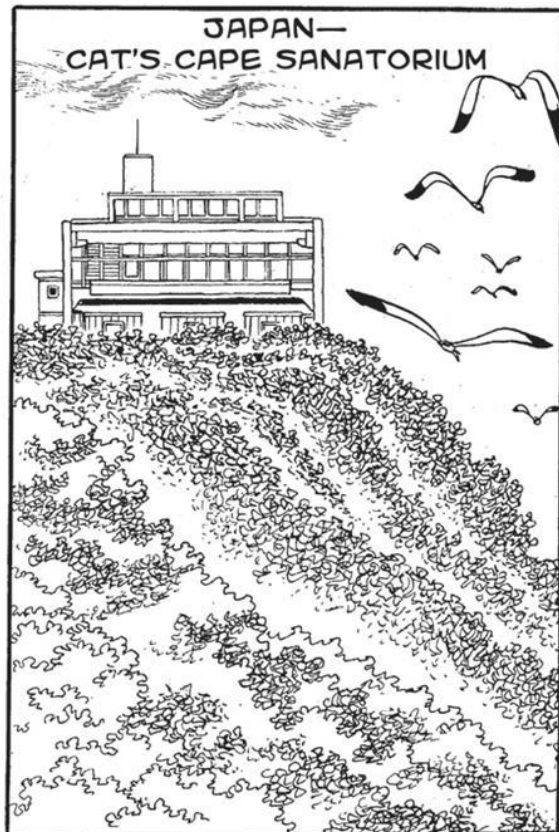


THE PAINTING IS DEAD!









NOTE: "GO GAN" ALLUDES TO PAUL GAUGUIN, WHOSE WANDERINGS TOOK HIM TO POLYNESIA.



I'M SURE THE
GOVERNMENT OF NATION K DID
ISSUE AN EVACUATION WARNING
TO ALL PERSONS IN THE VICINITY...

THE TEST WAS
PERFORMED BY
NATION K, WHICH
RECENTLY DEVELOPED
NUKES.

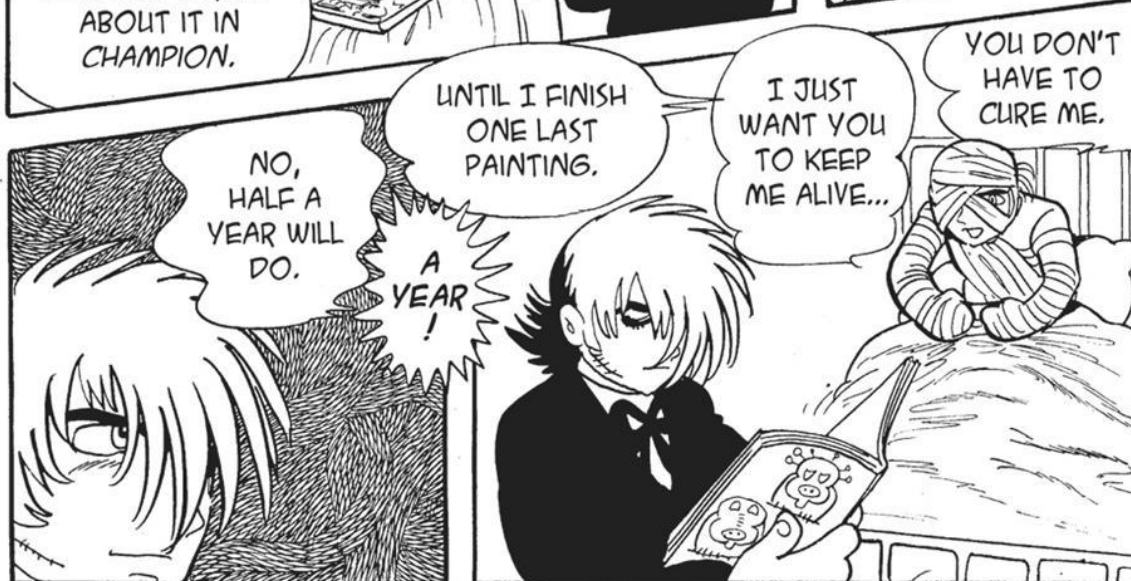
BUT I WAS
STAYING IN THE
ISLAND'S
INTERIOR
AND DIDN'T
GET WORD.

THEY BROUGHT
ME TO JAPAN FOR
TREATMENT,

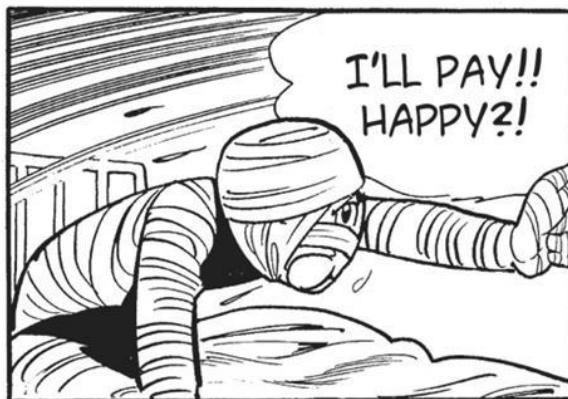
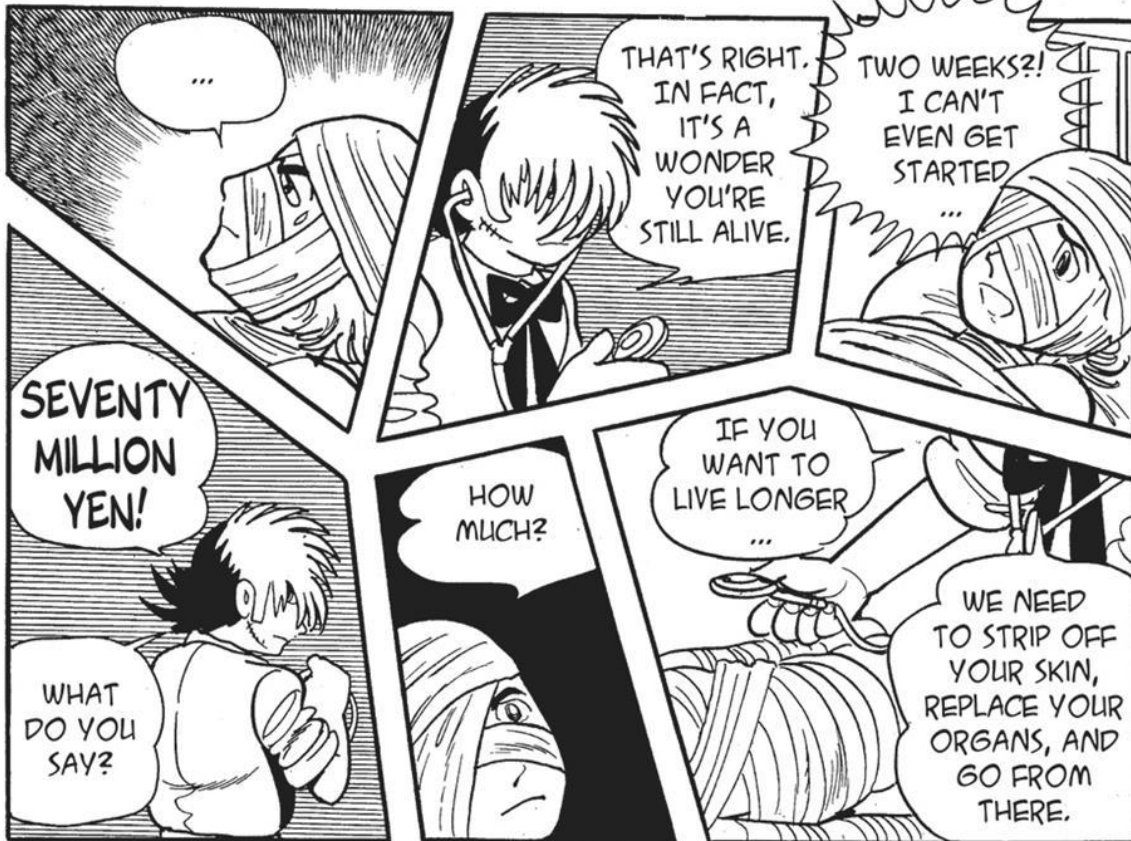
BUT I KNOW
I DON'T HAVE LONG.

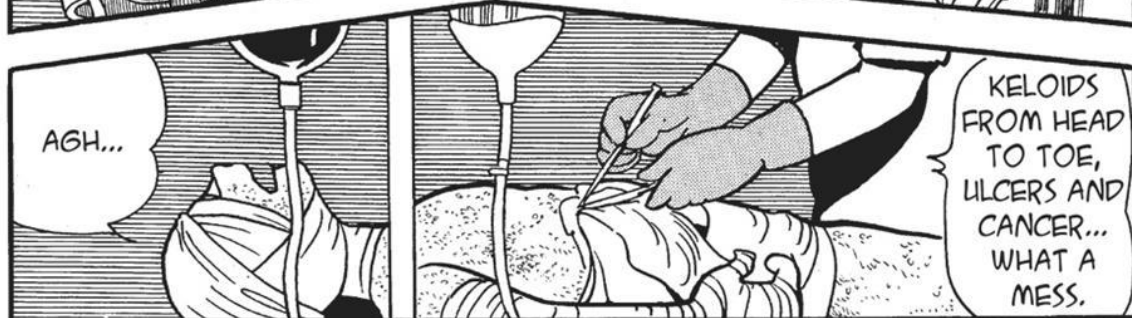
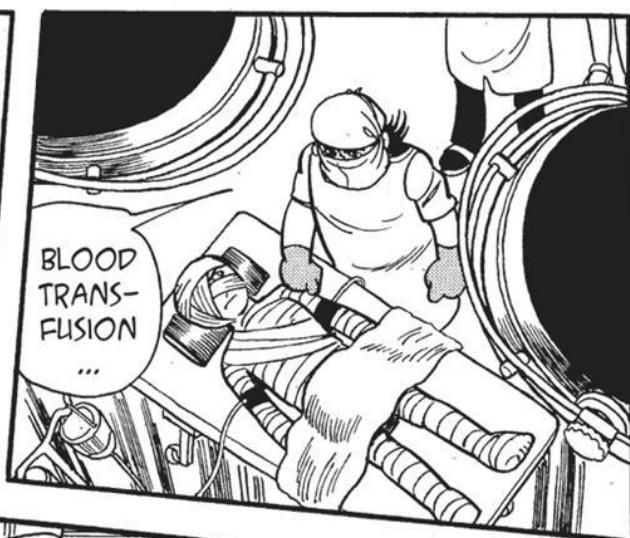
I
WITNESSED IT
WITH MY OWN EYES!
THE ISLAND ANNIHILATED,
AWASH IN BLOOD,
A HELL ON EARTH!

THE BLAST
CAUGHT ME
HEAD ON.

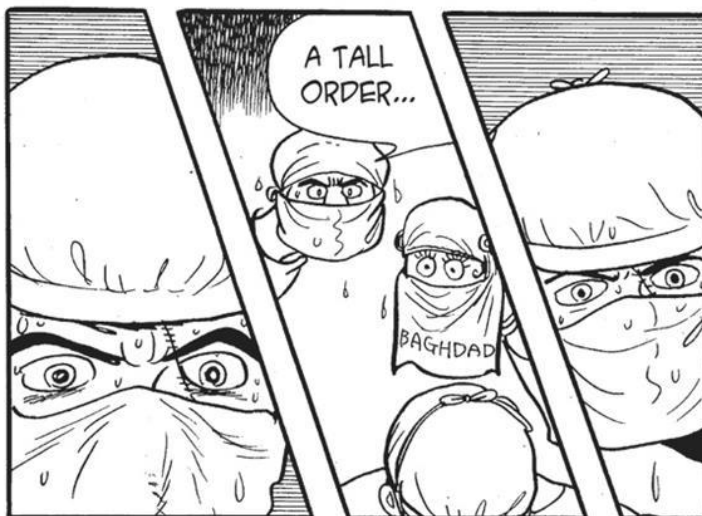
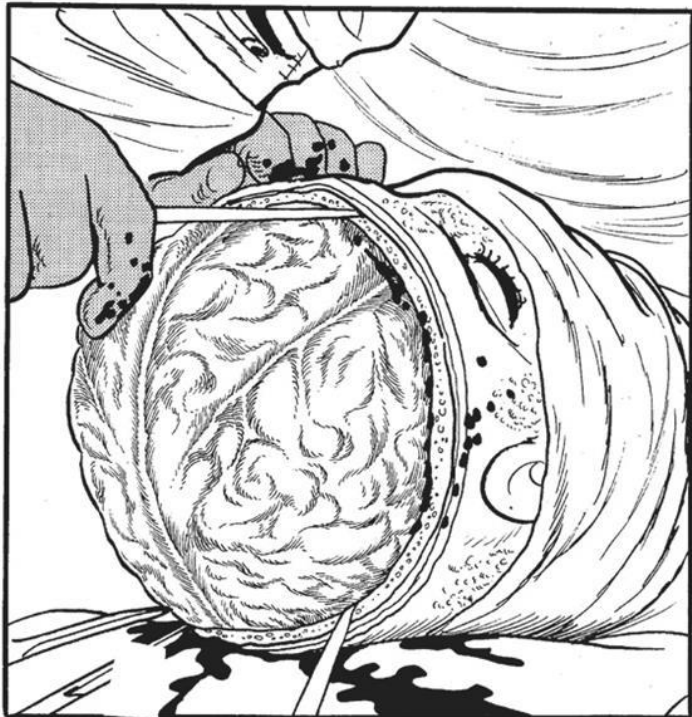
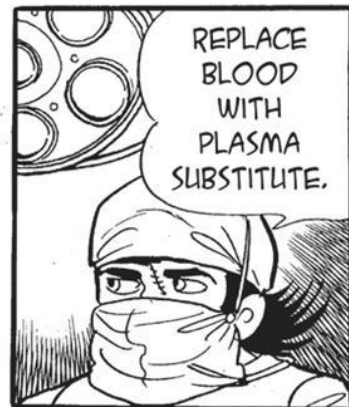


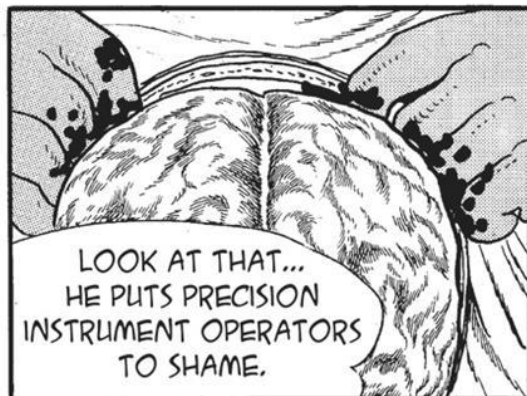
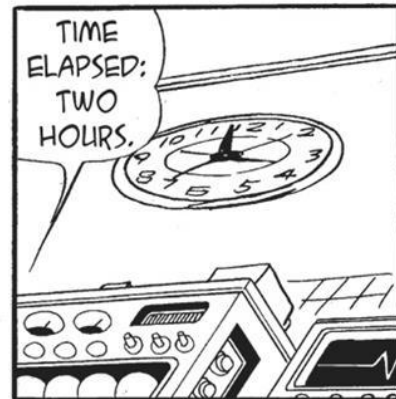
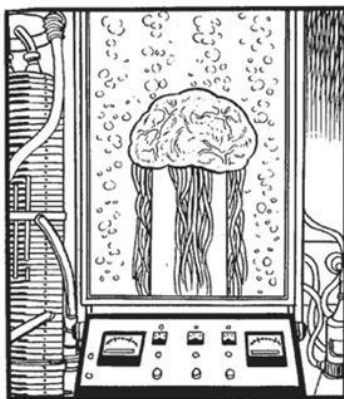
NOTE: BLACK JACK WAS SERIALIZED IN THE WEEKLY COMICS MAGAZINE SHONEN CHAMPION.



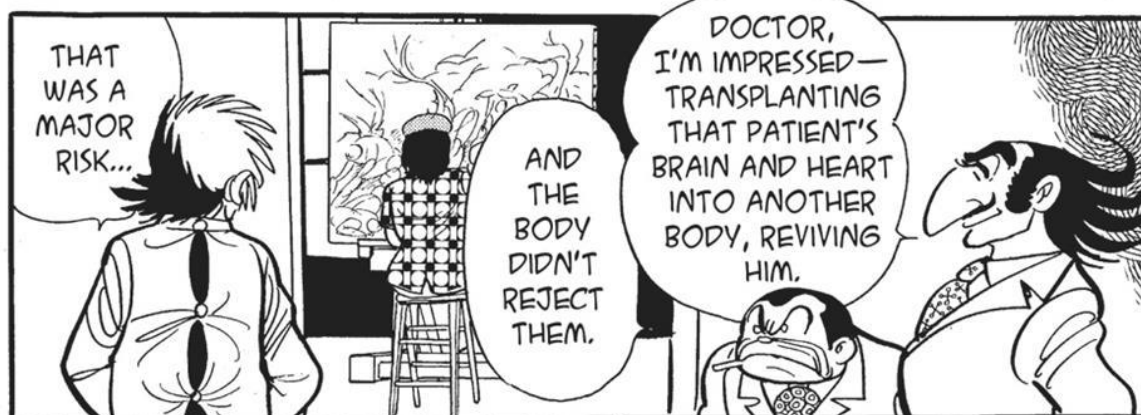
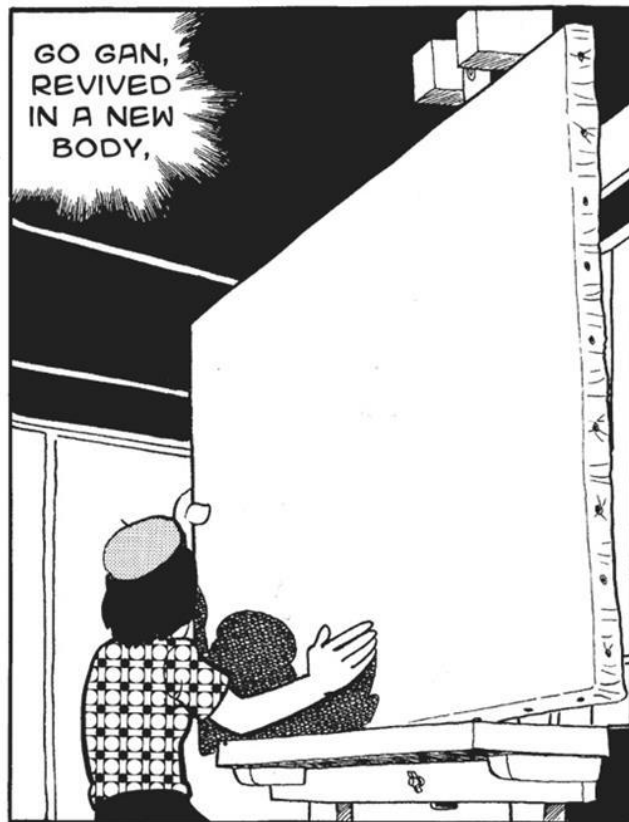
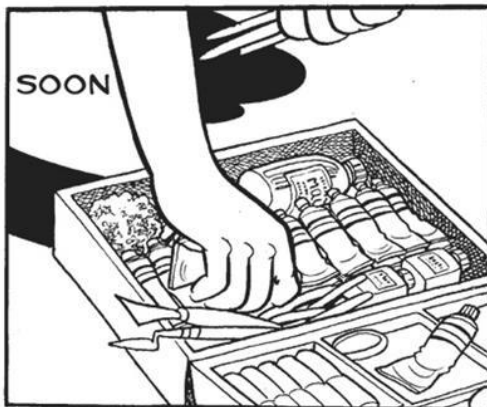
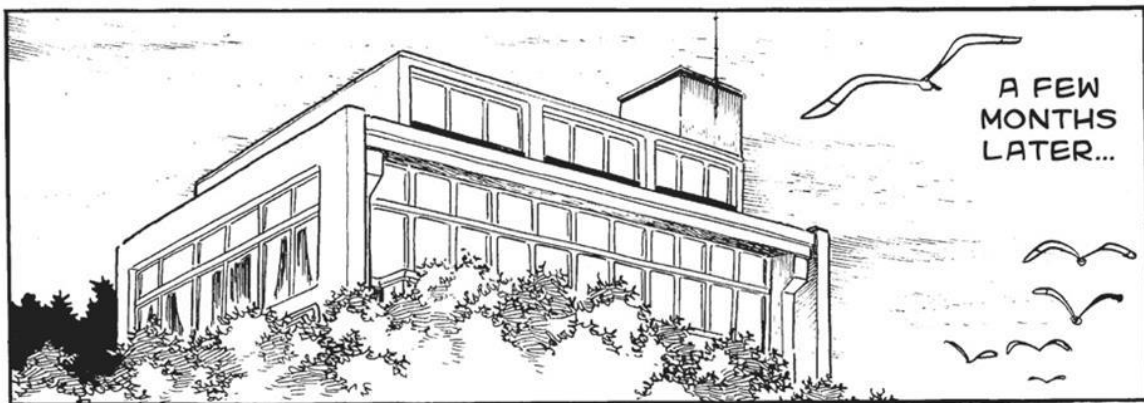


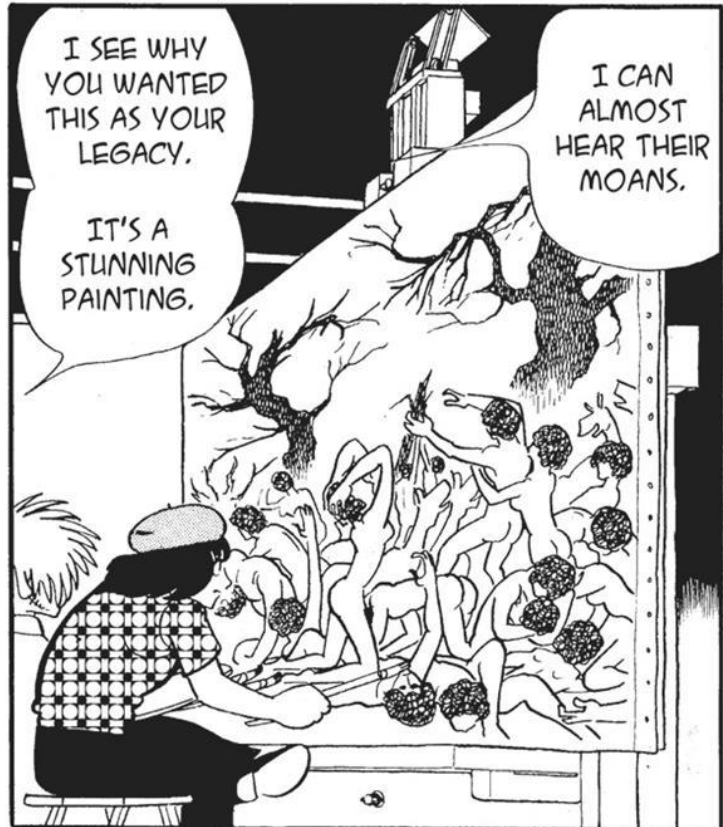


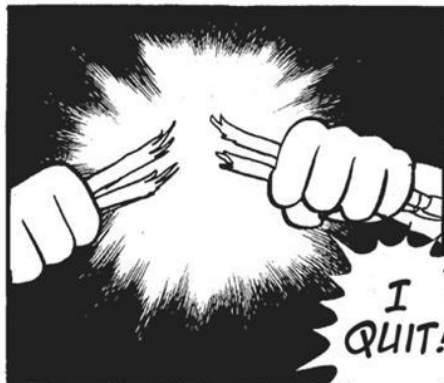


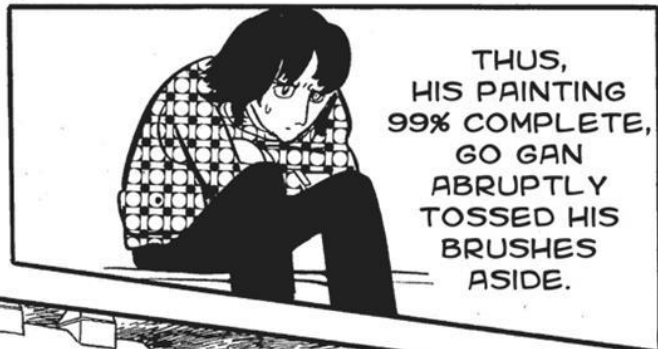
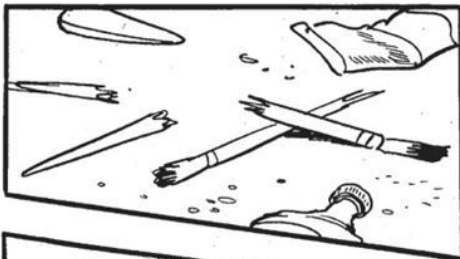


NOTE: THE FICTIONAL "DUM-DEE CULTURE MEDIUM" REFERS TO AN EPISODE ("THE TWO JANS") THAT WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE JAPANESE EDITION ON WHICH THIS COLLECTION IS BASED. THE STORY HAS BEEN APPENDED TO THE SPECIAL HARDCOVER EDITION.









THUS,
HIS PAINTING
99% COMPLETE,
GO GAN
ABRUPTLY
TOSSED HIS
BRUSHES
ASIDE.



MORE
THAN
A YEAR
PASSED.



RRRRRING!



HE FELL
INTO
A COMA
LAST NIGHT.

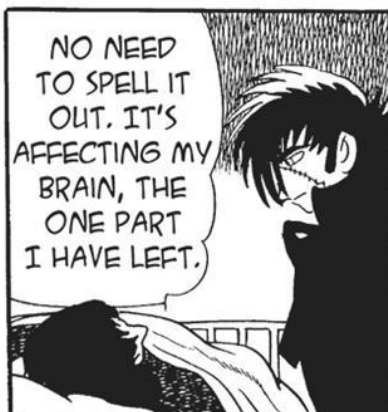
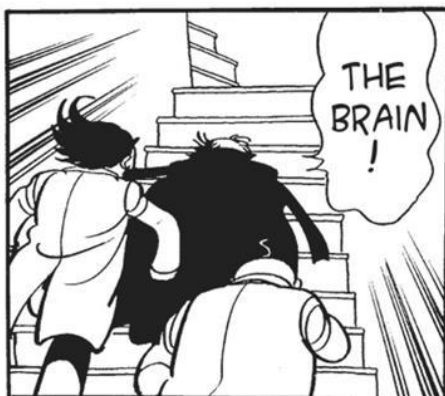
WHAT IS IT,
EXACTLY?
AFTER-
EFFECTS?



IT'S THE
PAINTER.
HE'S
TAKEN
ILL.



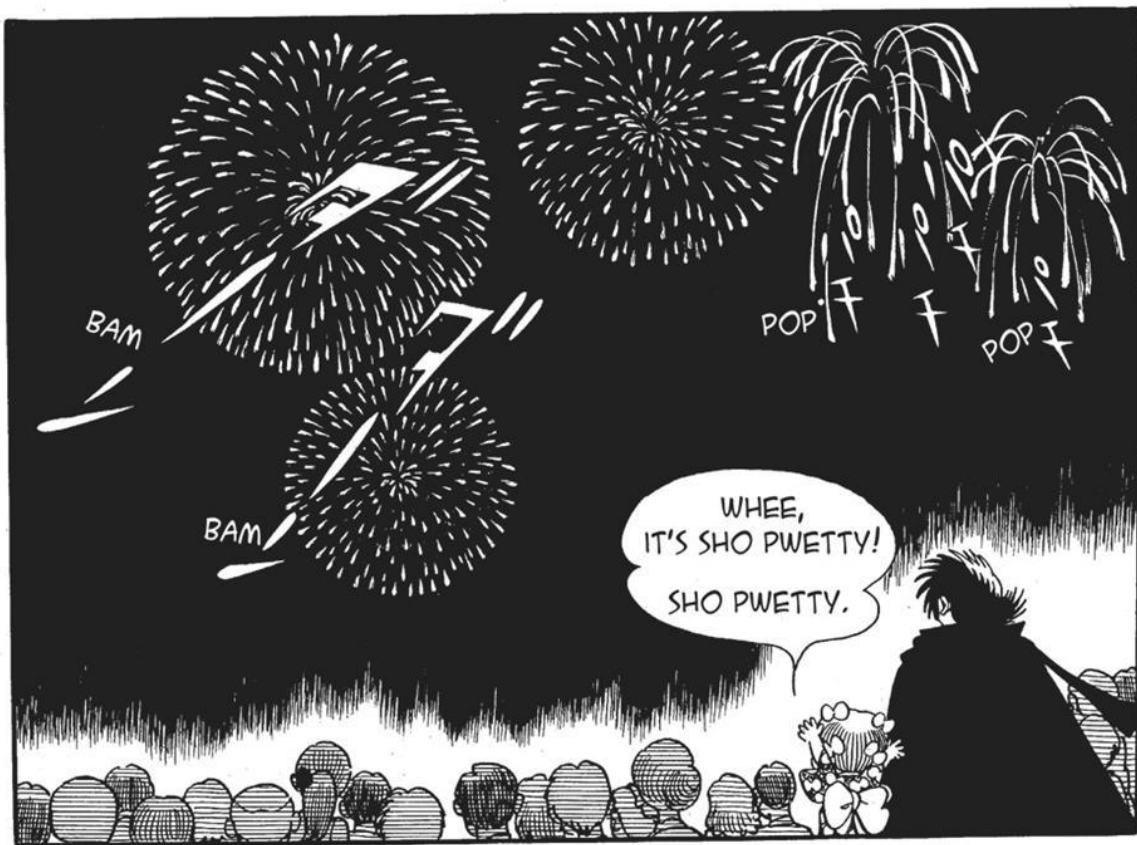
I KNEW IT...
JUST AS I
FEARED.



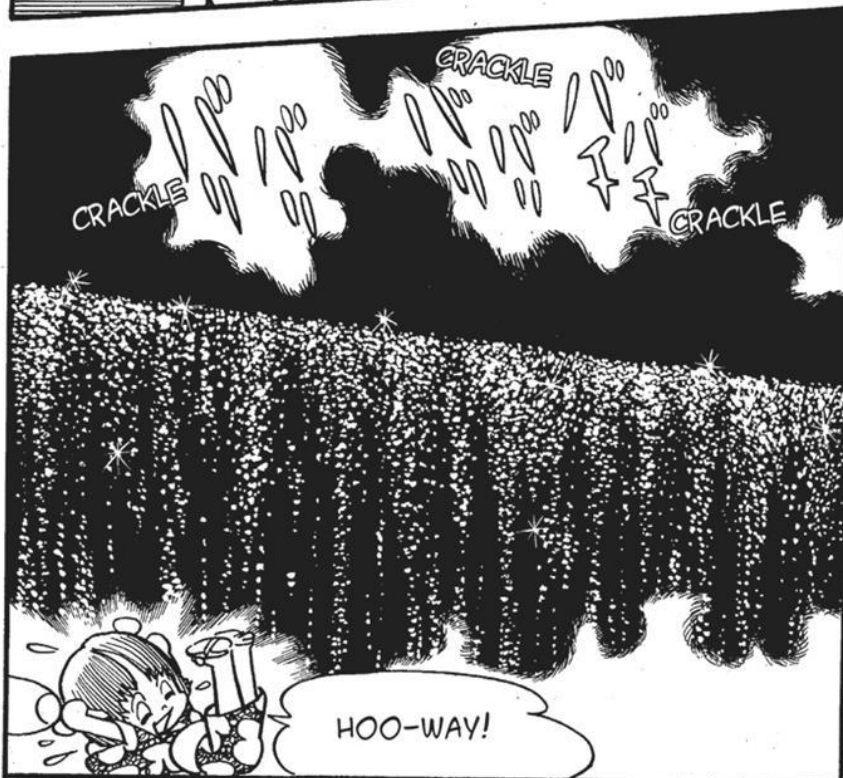


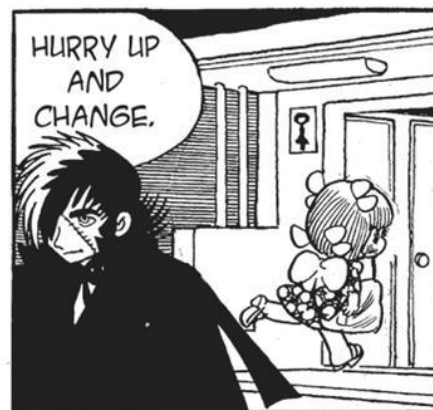


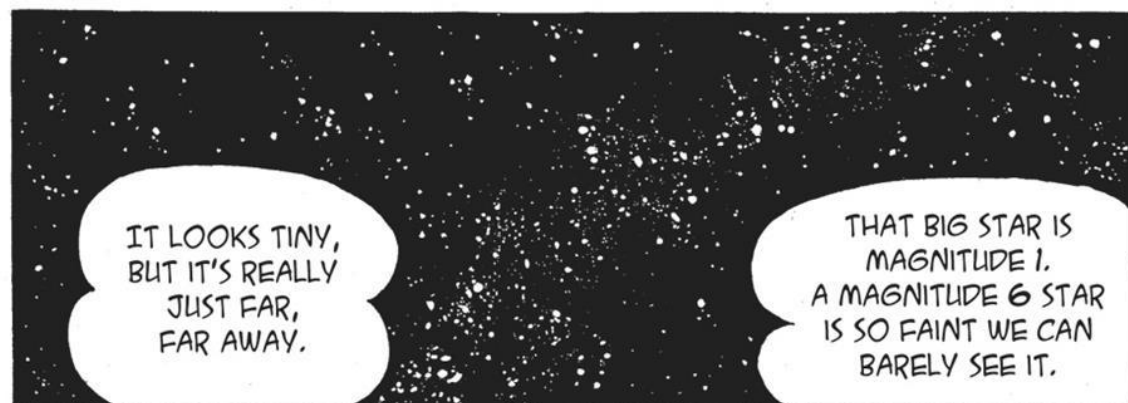
STAR, MAGNITUDE SIX







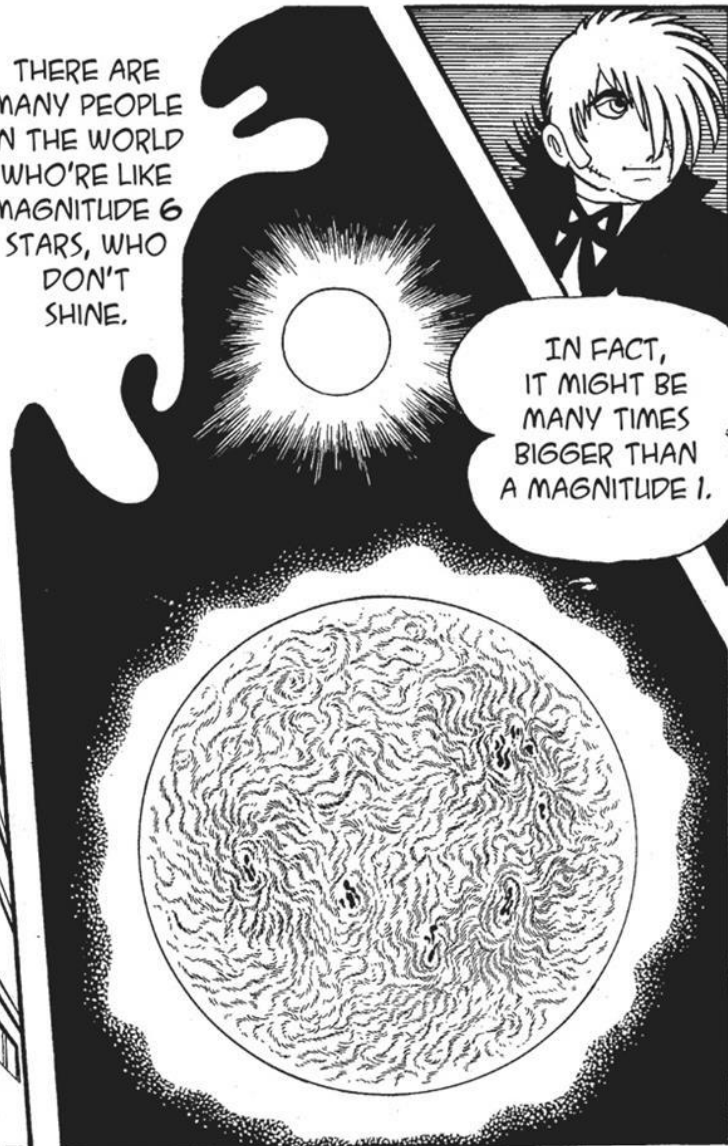


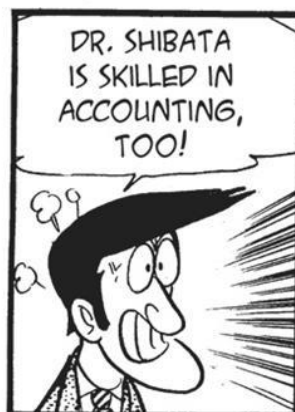
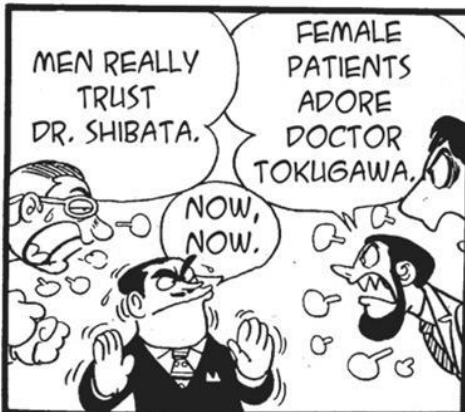
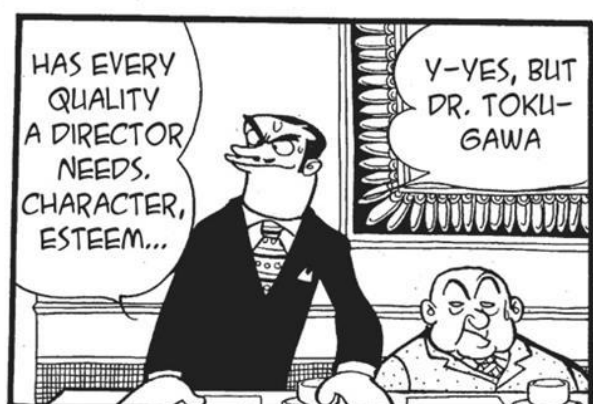
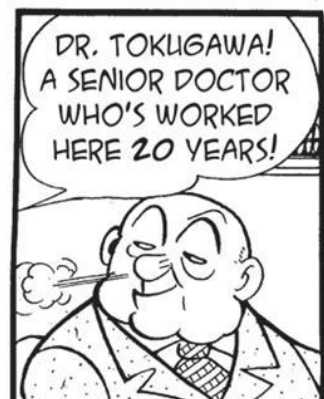
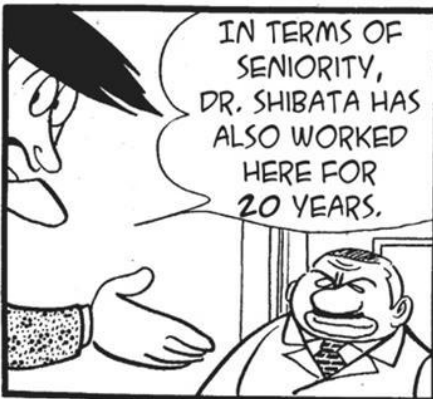
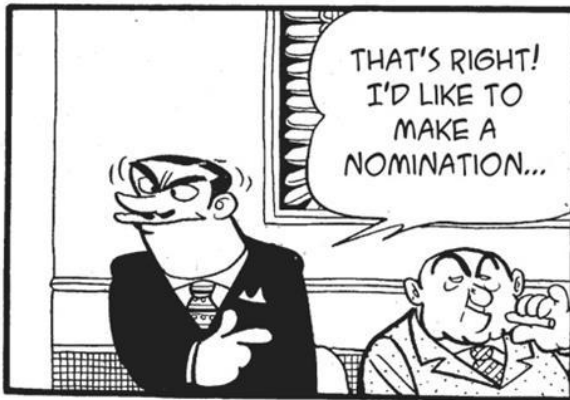


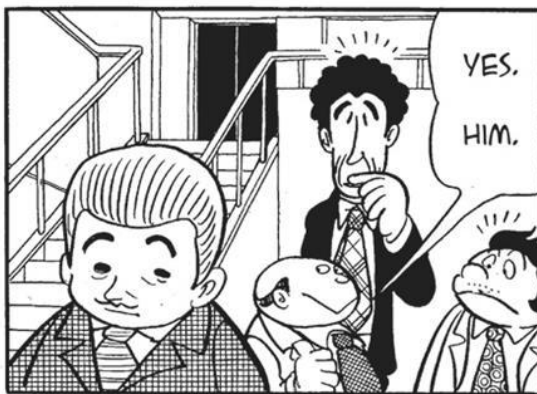
NOTE: ACCORDING TO ASIAN LEGEND, THE WEAVER AND THE COWHERD ARE LOVERS WHO MEET JUST ONCE A YEAR ON JULY 7TH.

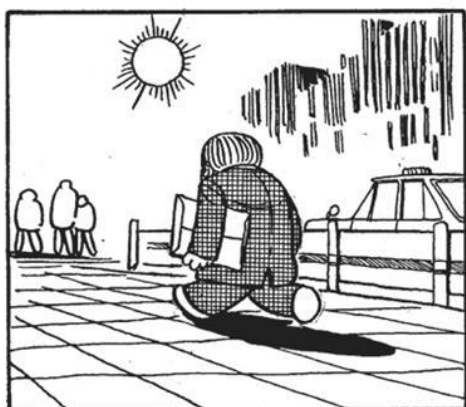


THERE ARE
MANY PEOPLE
IN THE WORLD
WHO'RE LIKE
MAGNITUDE 6
STARS, WHO
DON'T
SHINE.

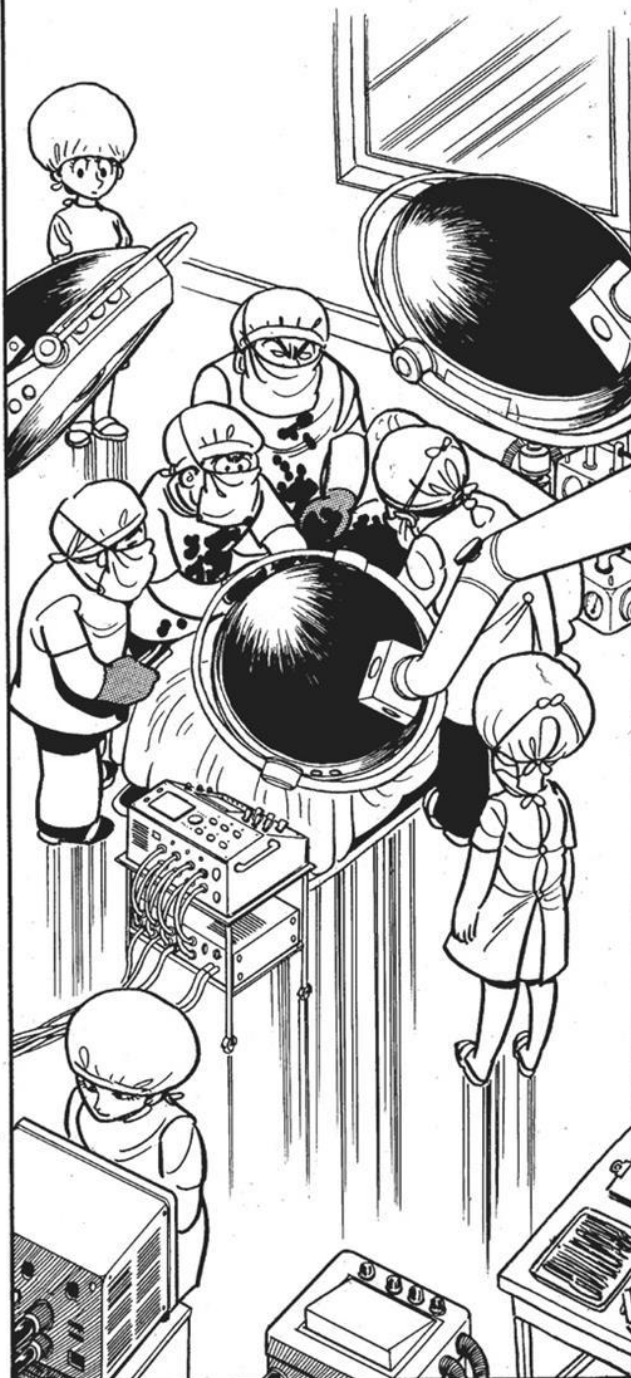


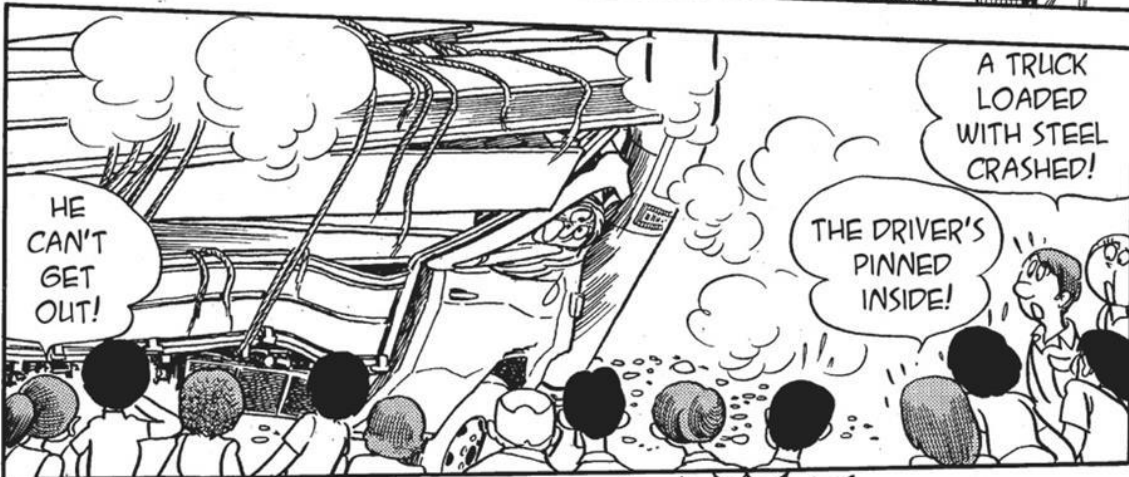


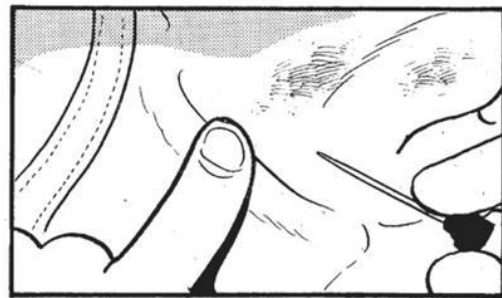
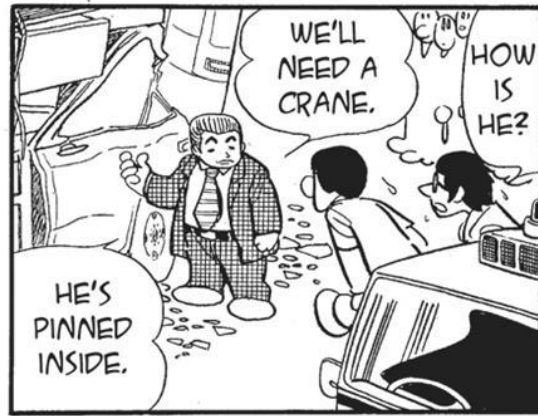


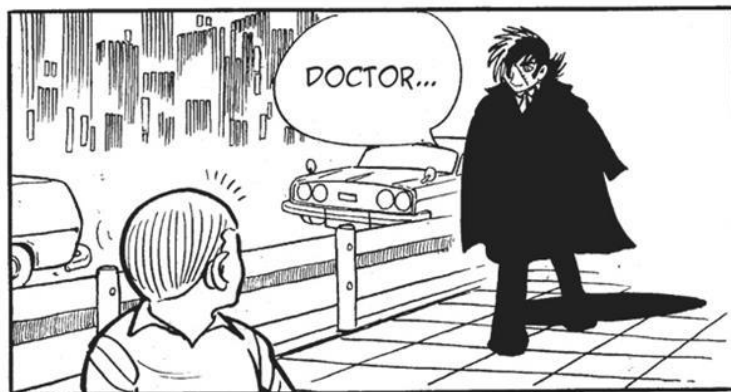
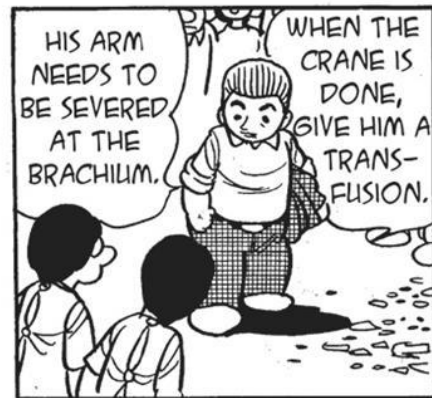


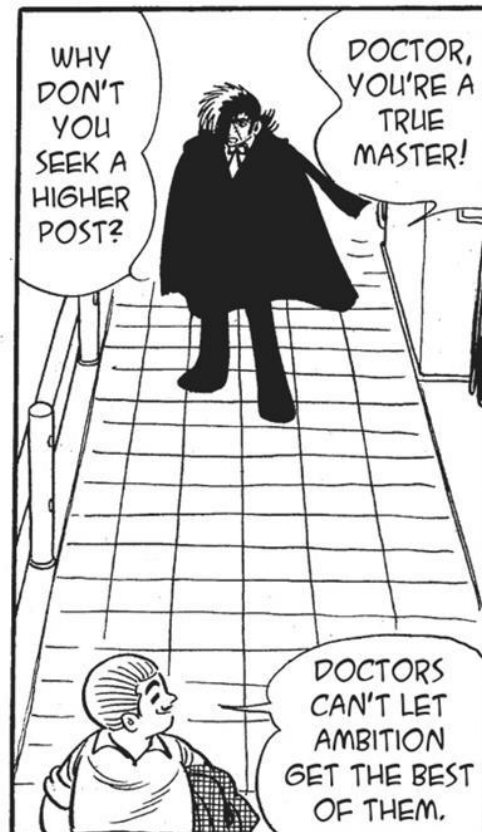
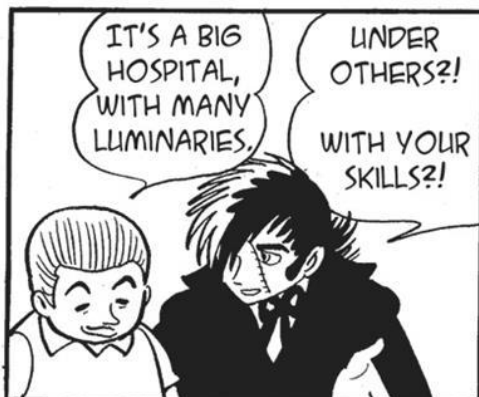
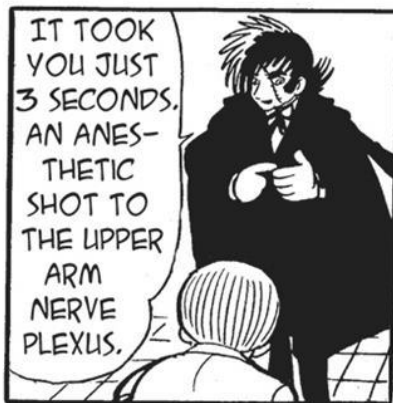
DR. SHIITAKE BLENDED RIGHT INTO THE WALLPAPER. WHEN DR. TOKUGAWA OR DR. SHIBATA WIELDED THE SCALPEL, HE ALWAYS STOOD ON THE SIDELINES AND ASSISTED. HE EVEN CAME TO BE REGARDED AS A NUISANCE.





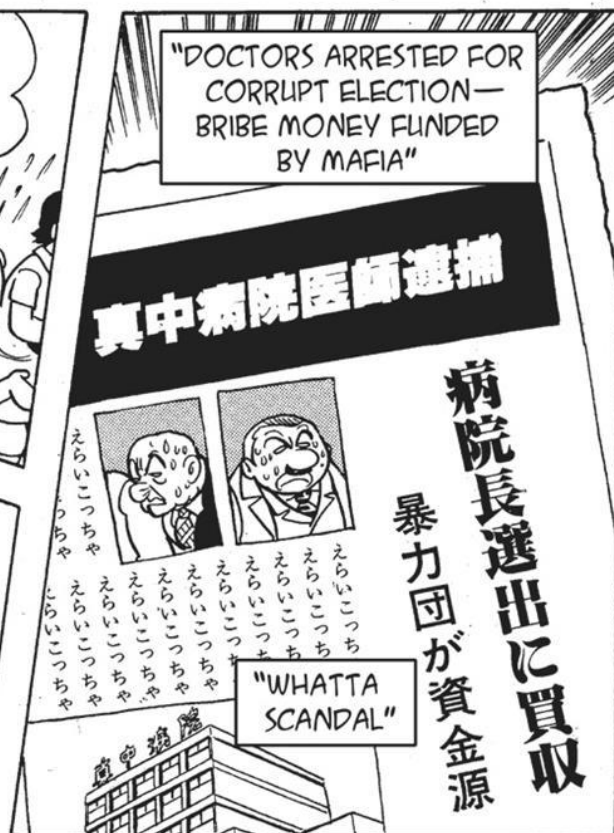
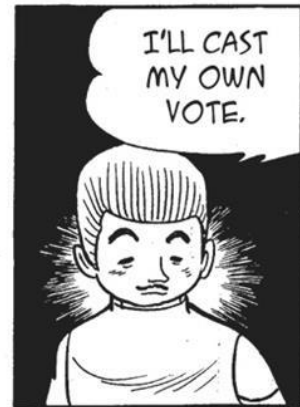


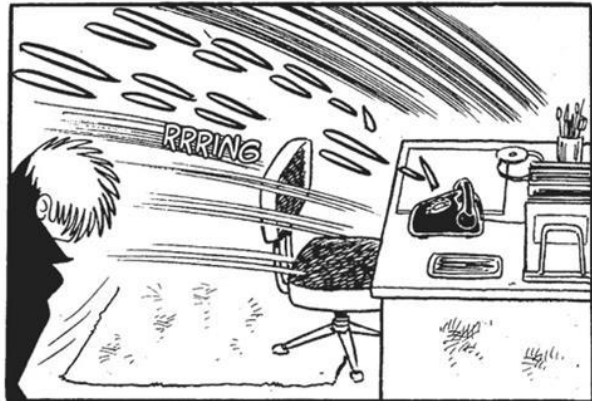


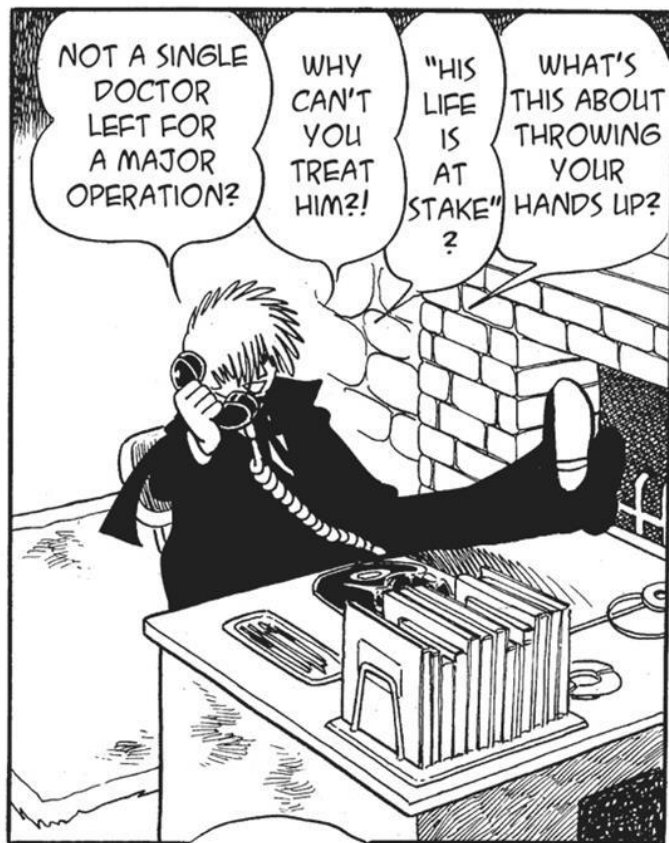




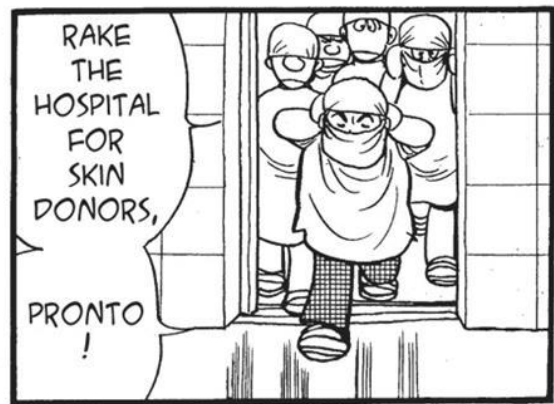
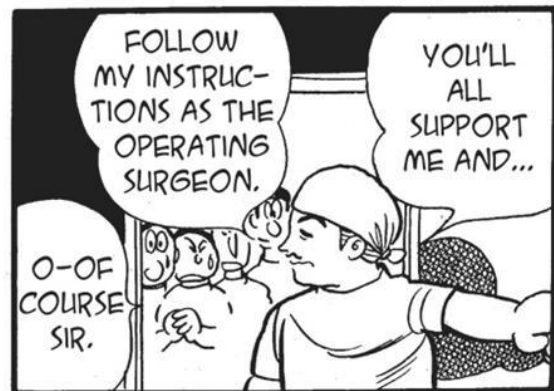


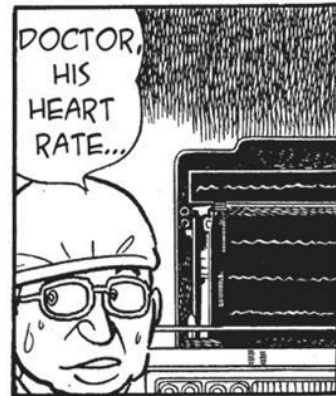
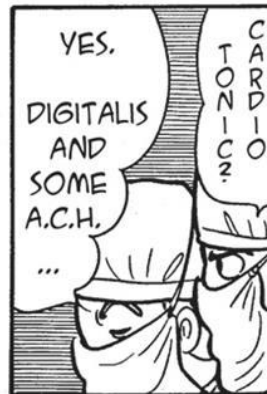
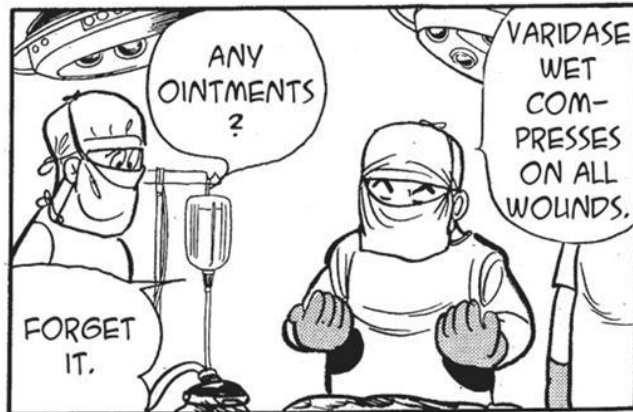
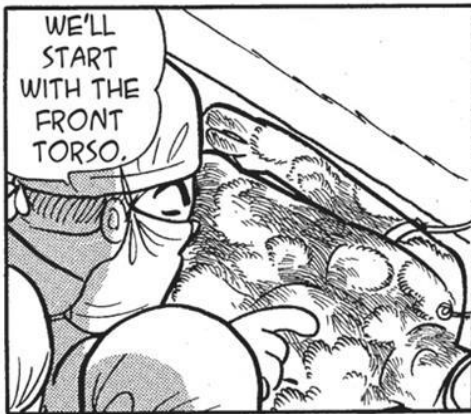






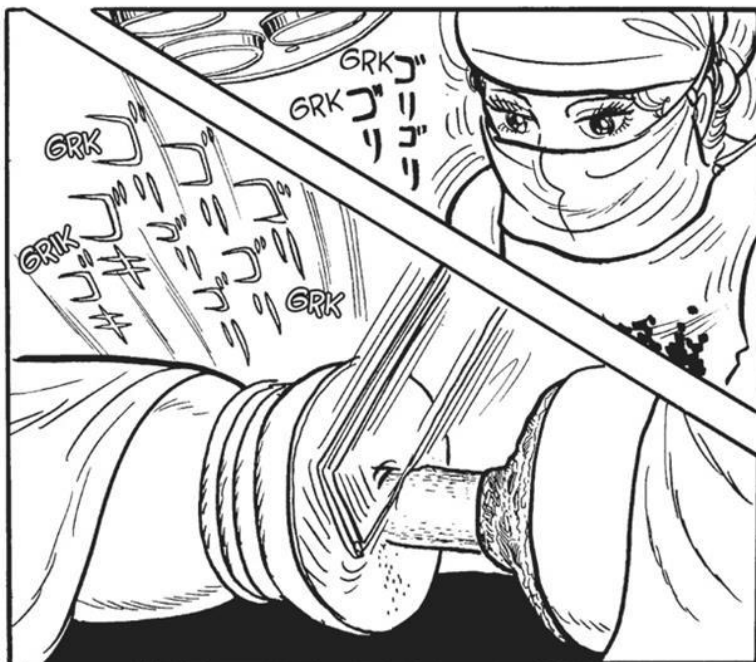
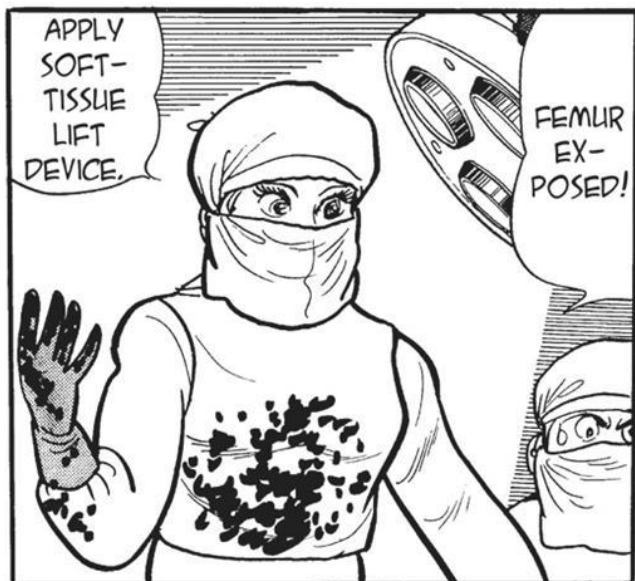
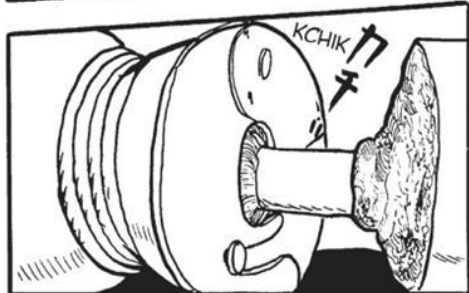
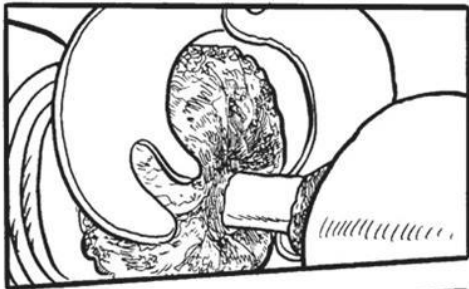
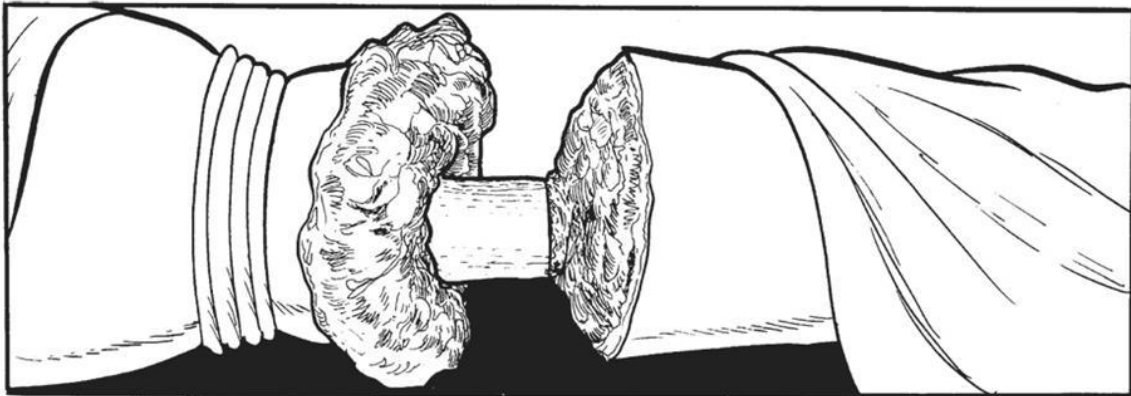


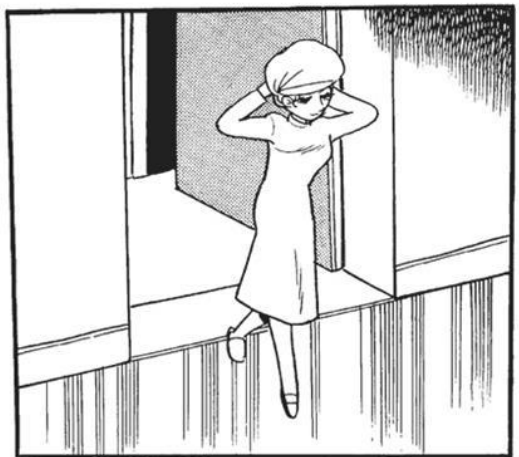


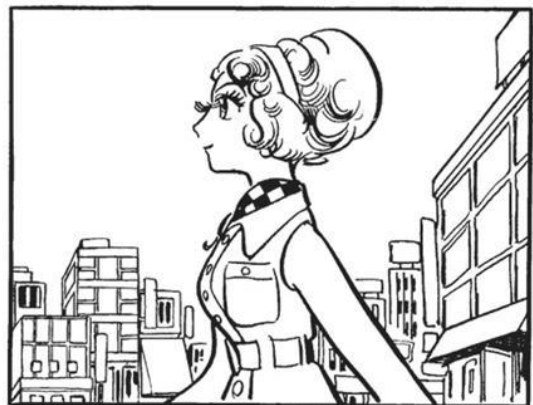
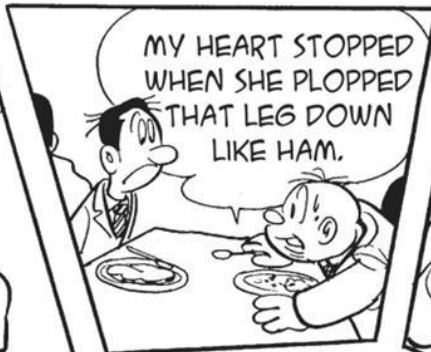


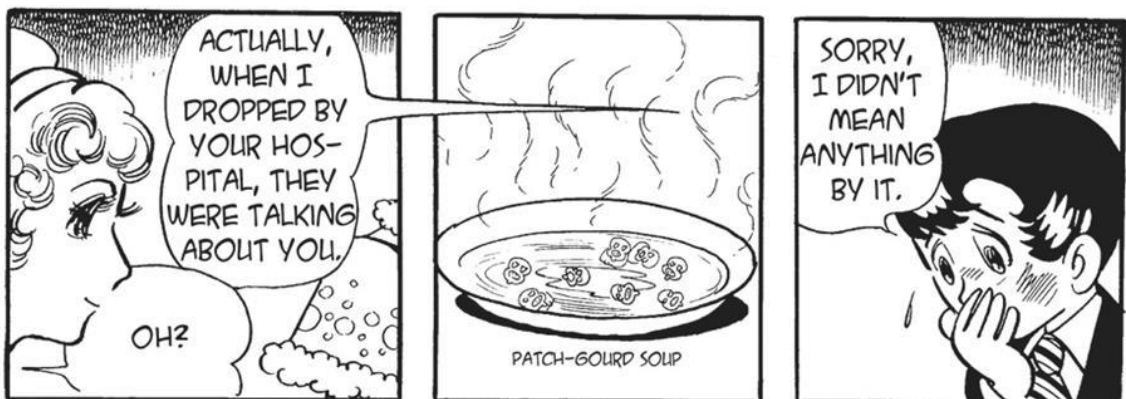
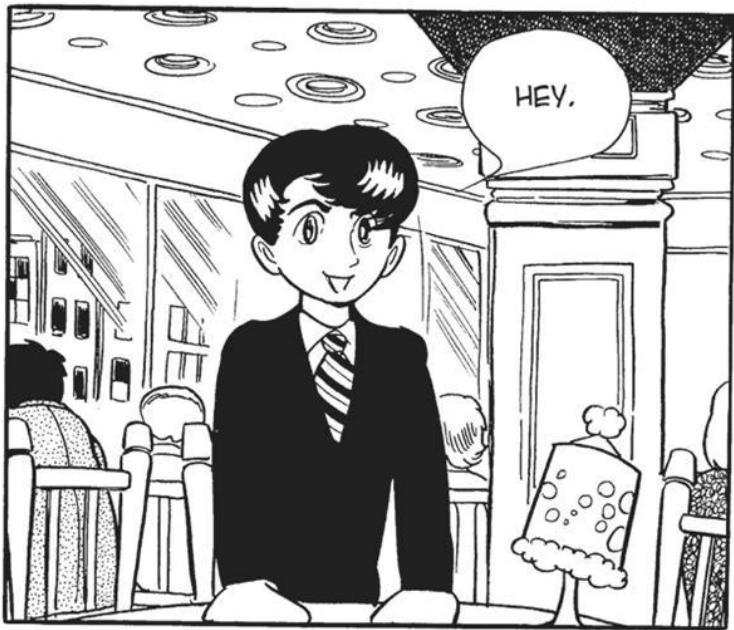


BLACK QUEEN











LET THEM SAY WHAT THEY WANT.

"THAT COLD-BLOODED ICE QUEEN OF THE SCALPEL."



THEY SAID SOME PRETTY NASTY THINGS.



BLACK JACK'S A COLD-BLOODED FIEND OF THE SCALPEL, ISN'T HE?



"BLACK QUEEN"!



THERE'S WORSE.

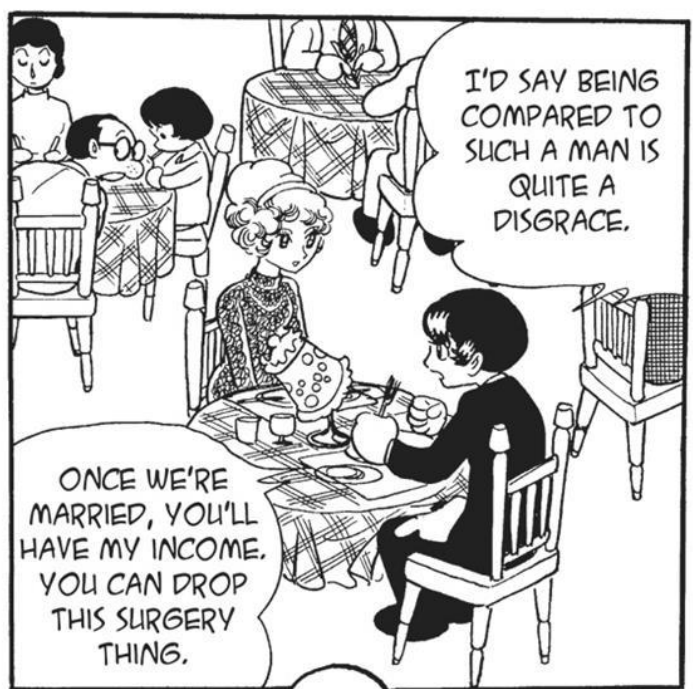
"THE WOMAN BLACK JACK."



WAIT. YOU WANT ME TO STOP PRACTICING?



JUST NO OPERATIONS.



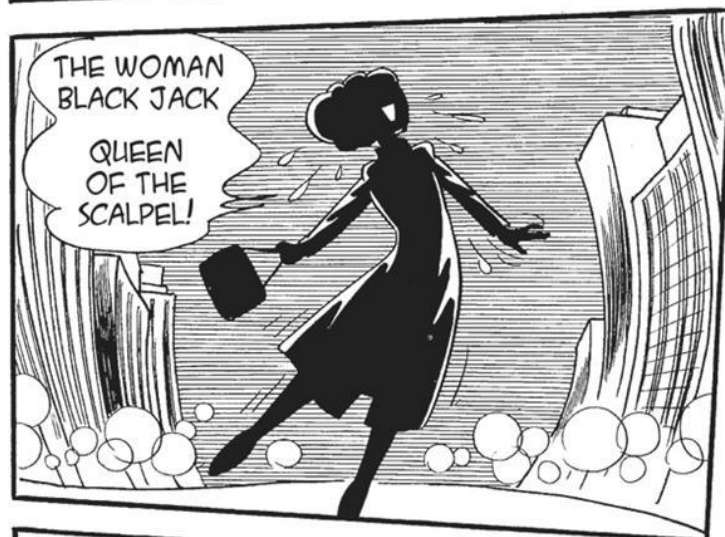
I'D SAY BEING COMPARED TO SUCH A MAN IS QUITE A DISGRACE.

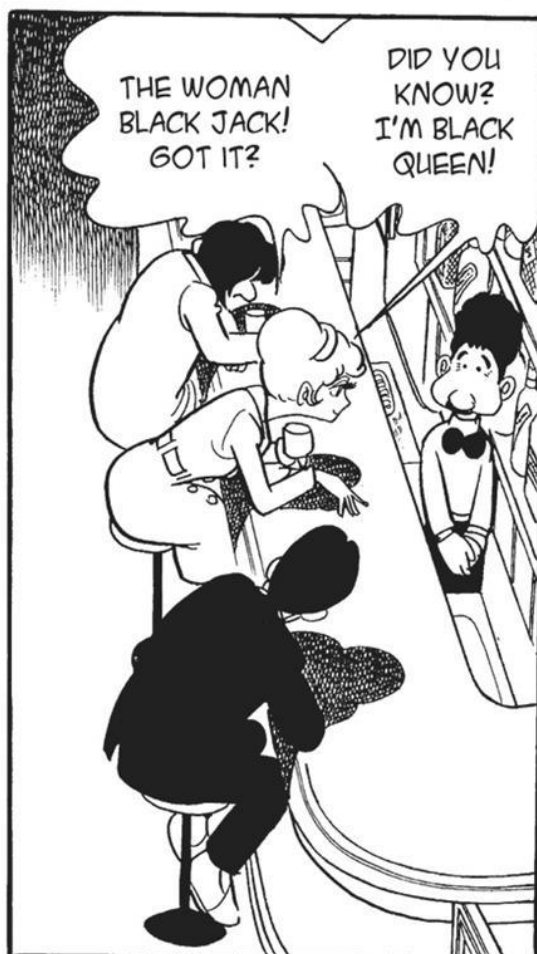
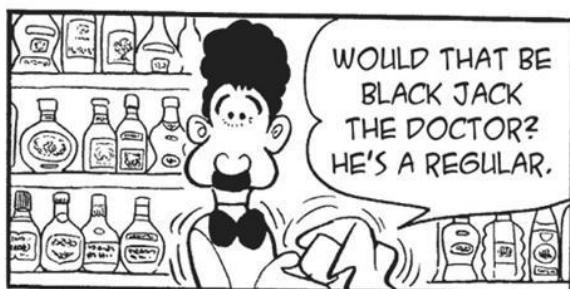
ONCE WE'RE MARRIED, YOU'LL HAVE MY INCOME. YOU CAN DROP THIS SURGERY THING.

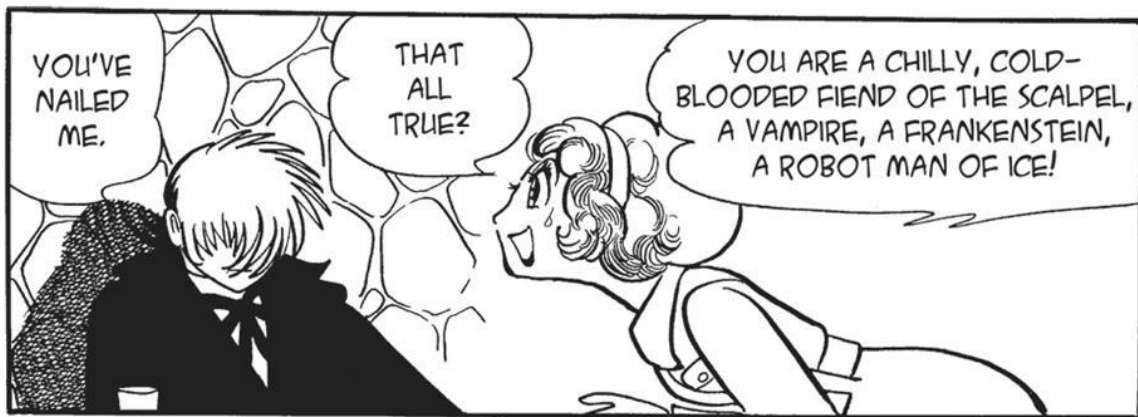


IT'S WHAT I LIVE FOR!

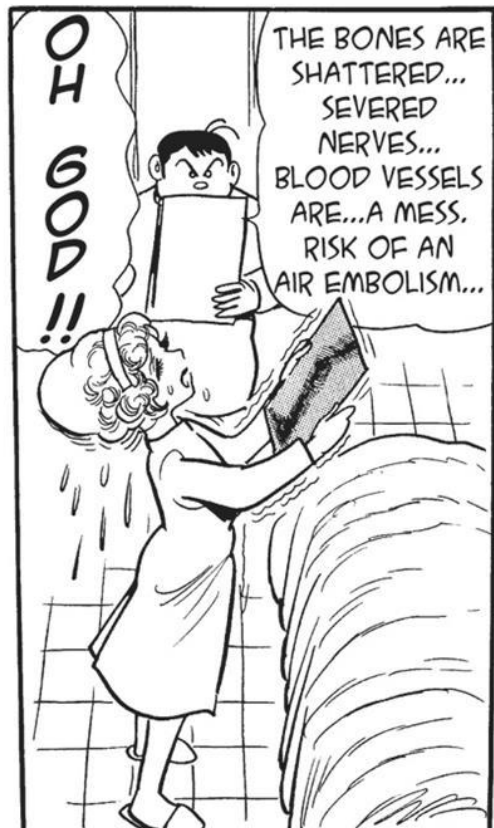
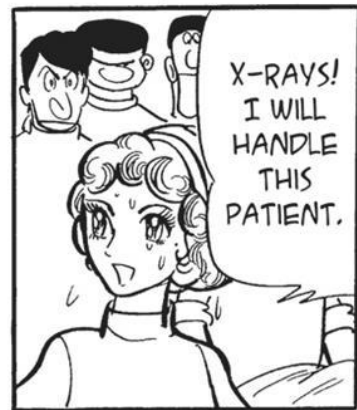
ROCK DEAR, I CAN'T QUIT MY JOB!



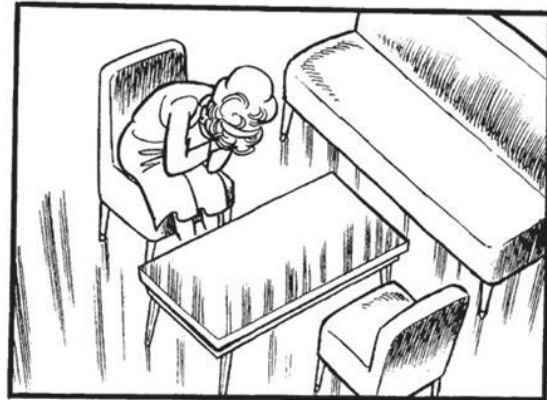










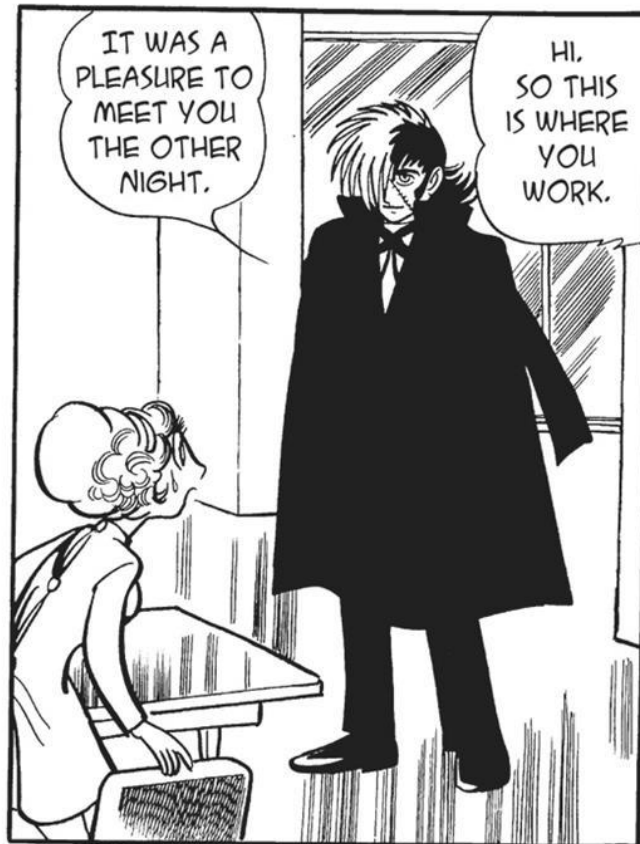


TOMORROW'S
CHRISTMAS EVE.
I BROUGHT
YOU A GIFT.

FROM A
JACK
TO A
QUEEN.



AND
...



IT WAS A
PLEASURE TO
MEET YOU
THE OTHER
NIGHT.

HI,
SO THIS
IS WHERE
YOU
WORK.



DOCTOR
BLACK
JACK,

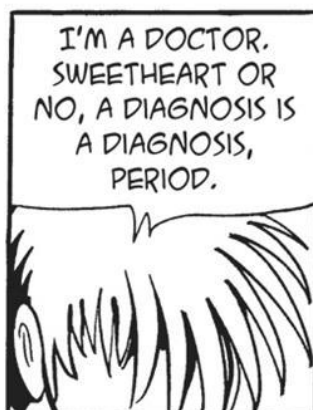
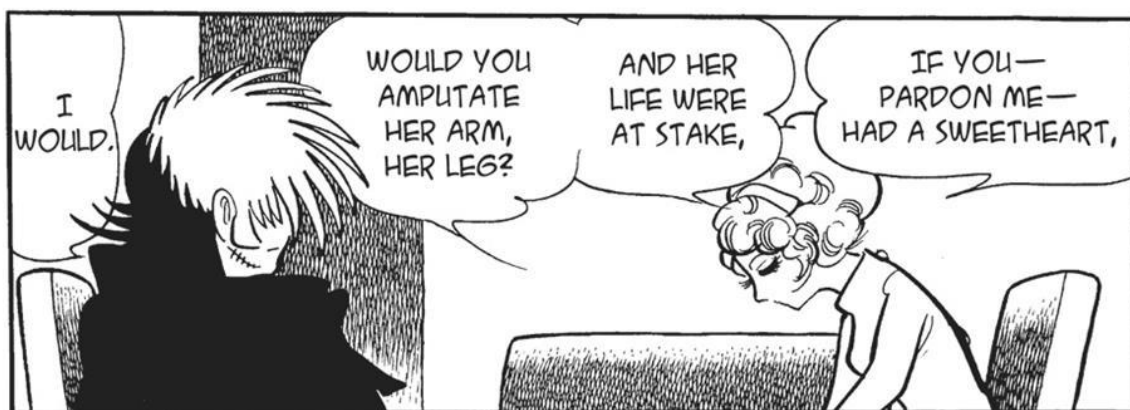
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DEAR.
I'M
SORRY.

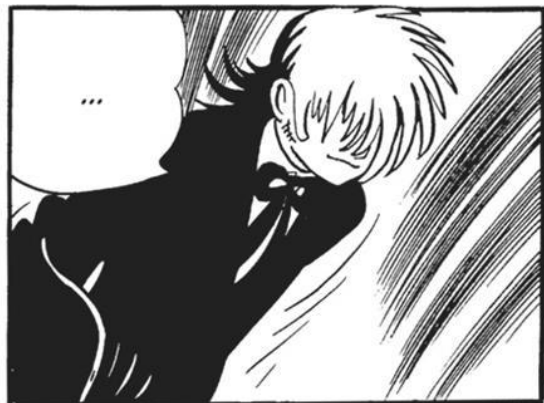
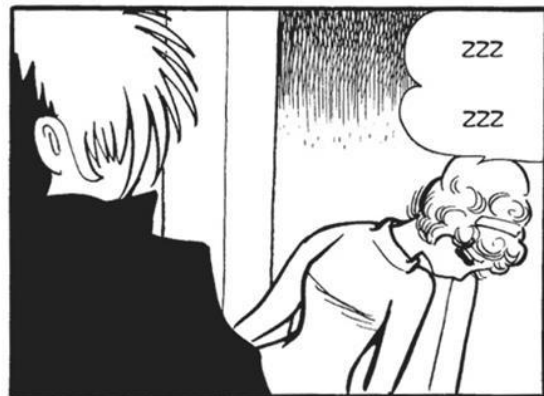
TELL
ME...

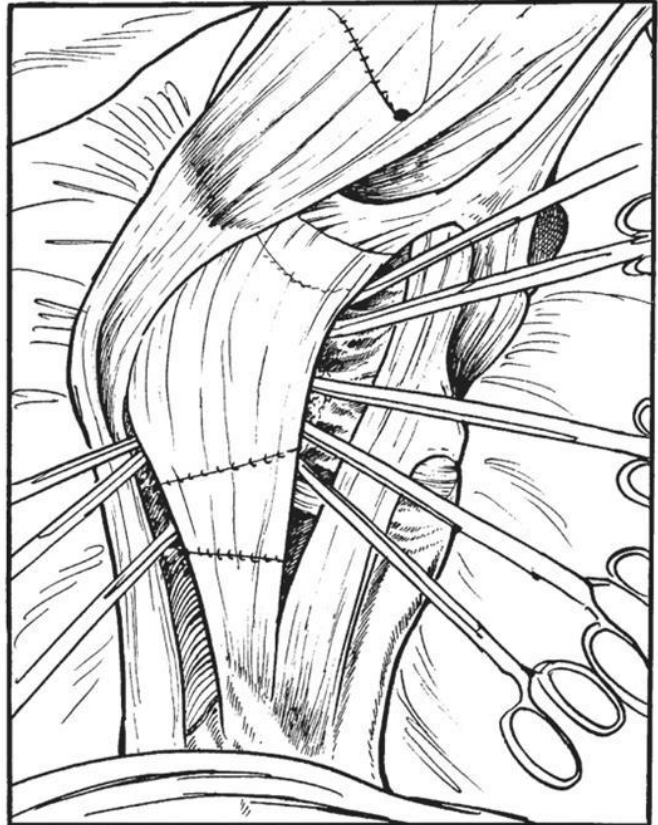
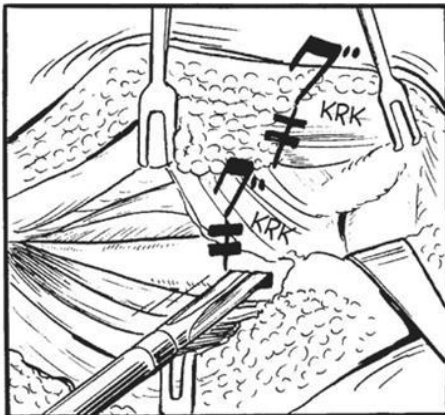
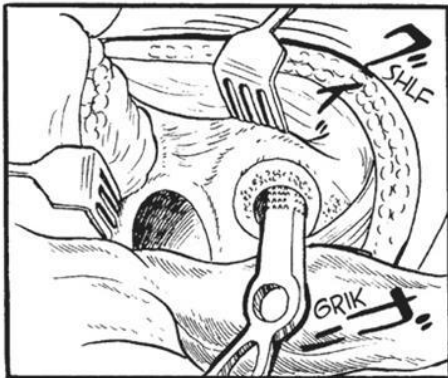


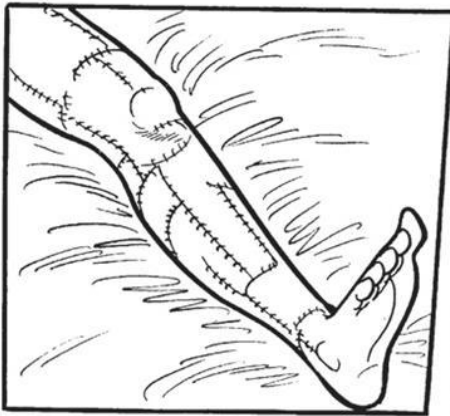
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WRONG
?

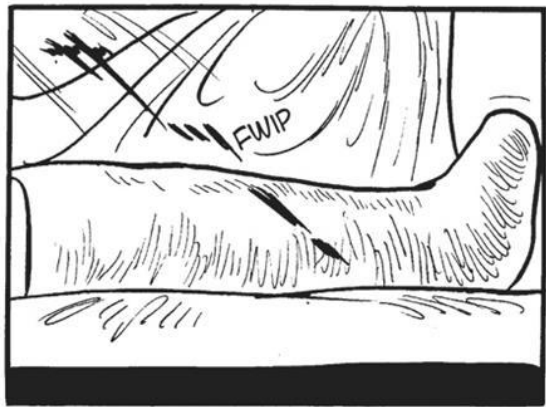
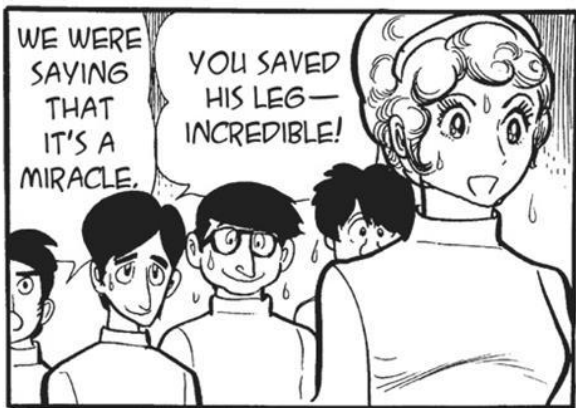






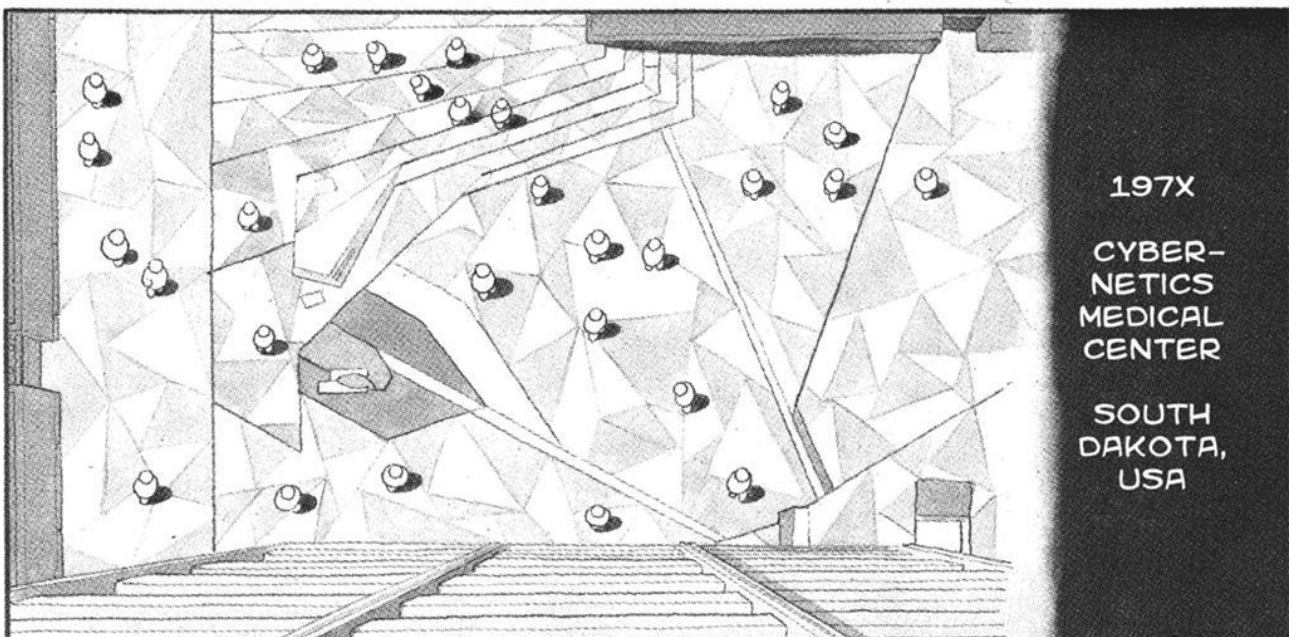




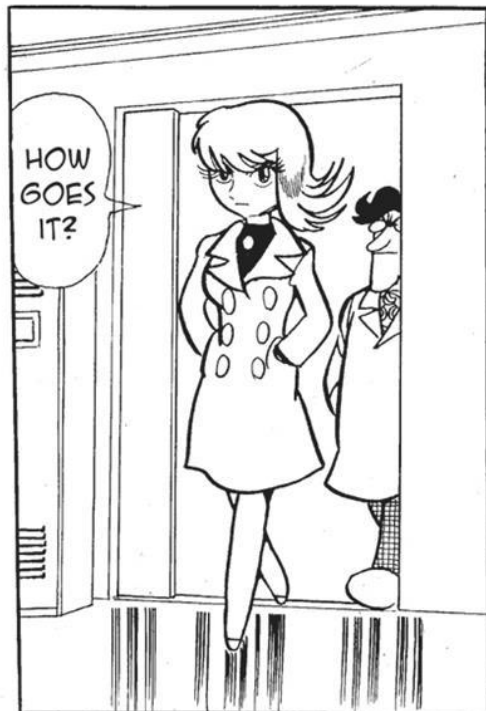
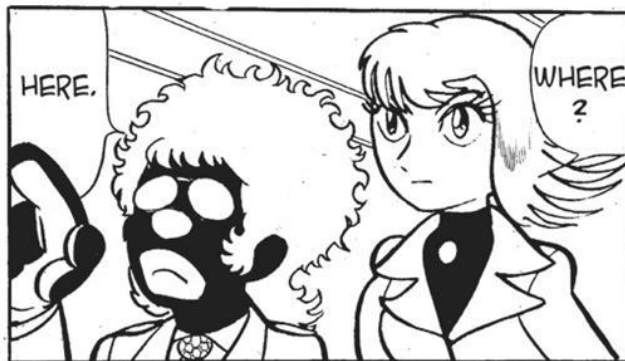
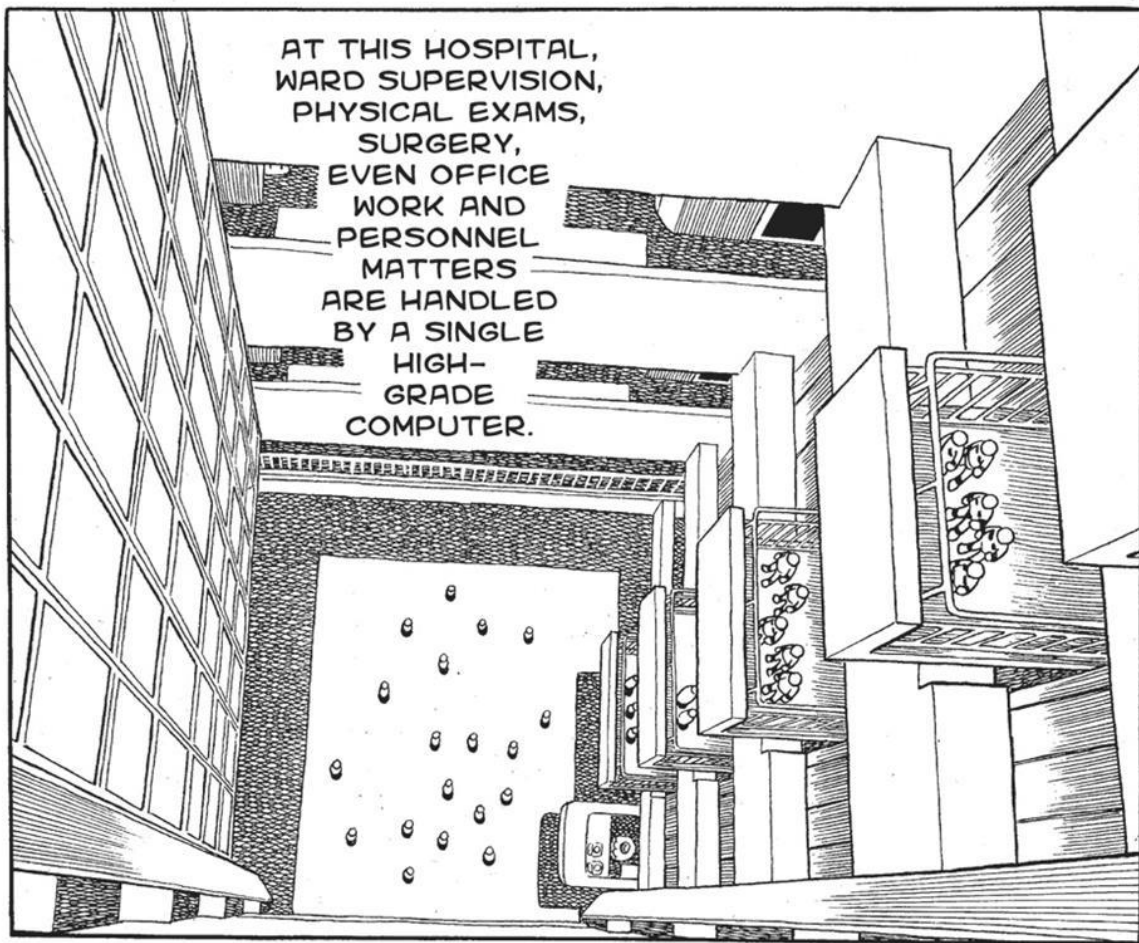


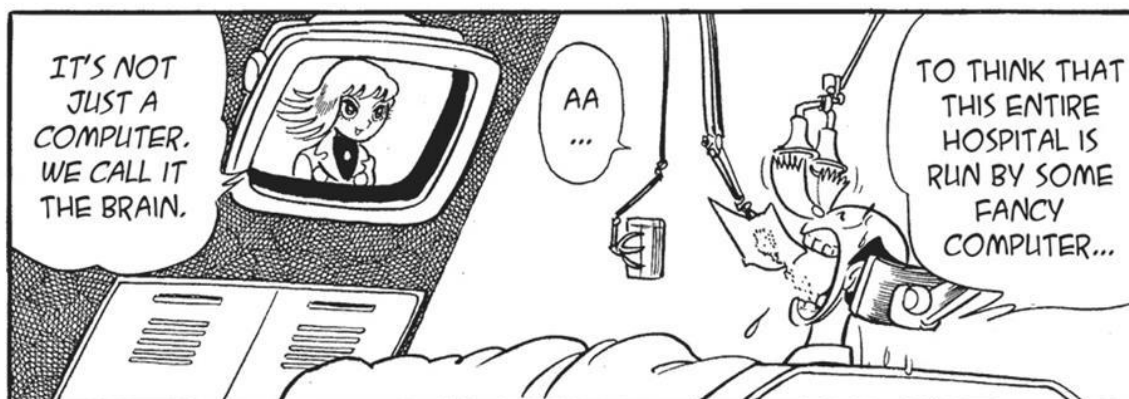
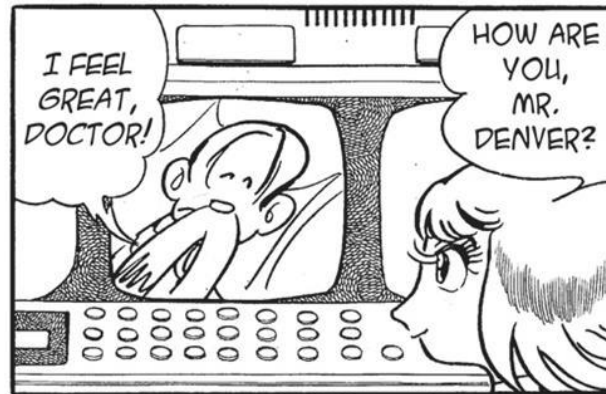
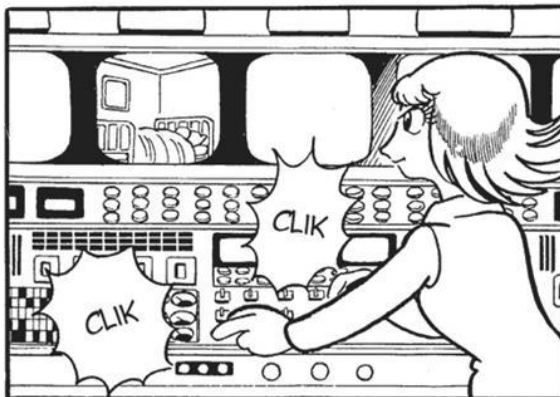
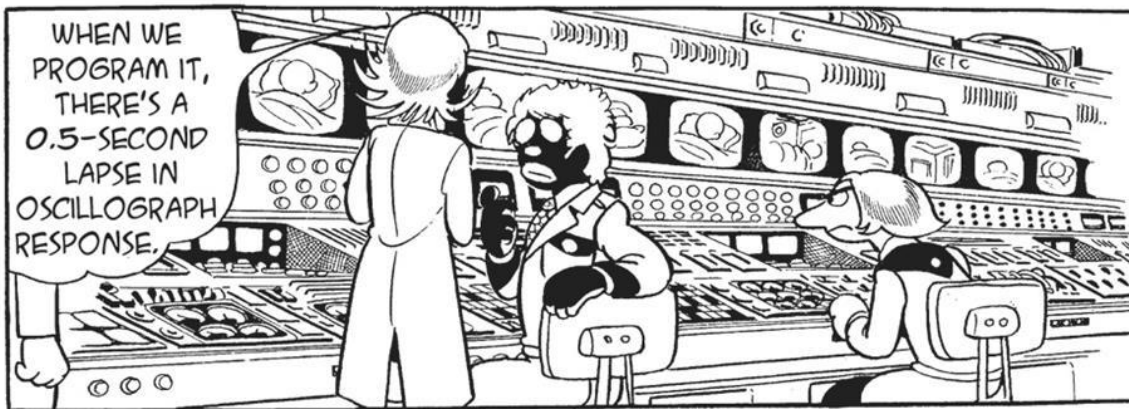
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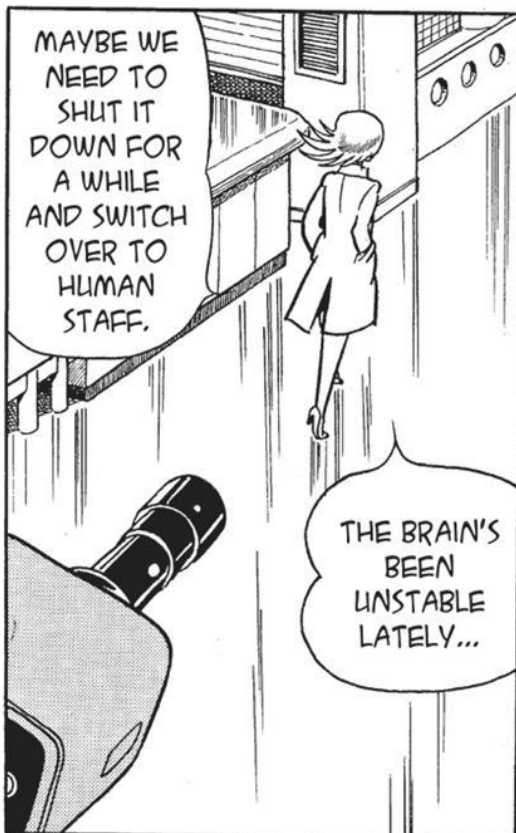
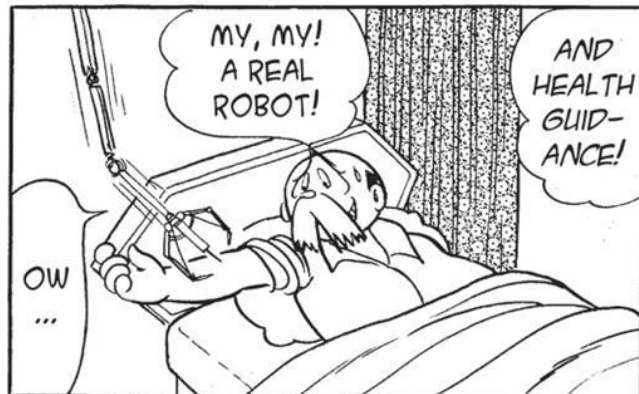
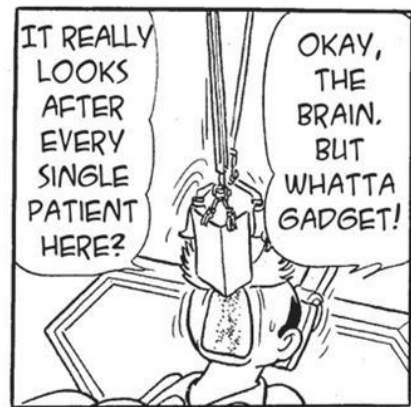
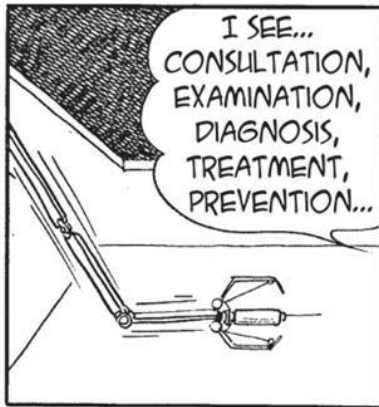
"IF YOU KEEP YOUR EYES SO FIXED ON HEAVEN
THAT YOU NEVER LOOK AT THE EARTH,
YOU WILL STUMBLE INTO HELL."
—AUSTIN O'MALLEY

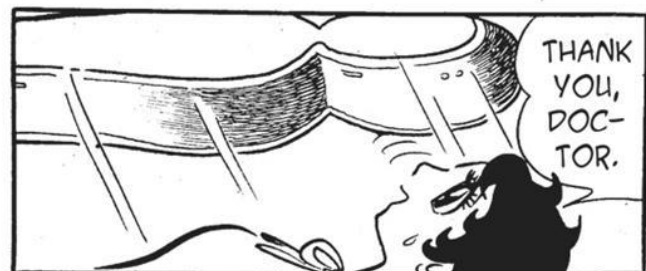
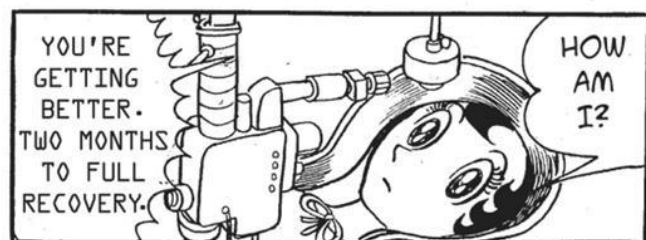
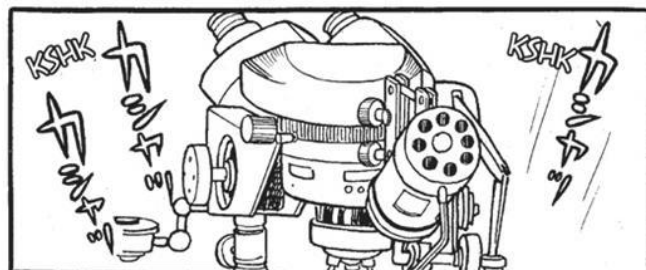


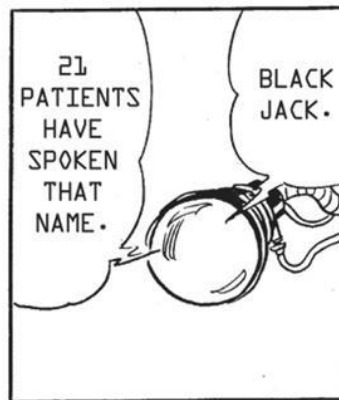
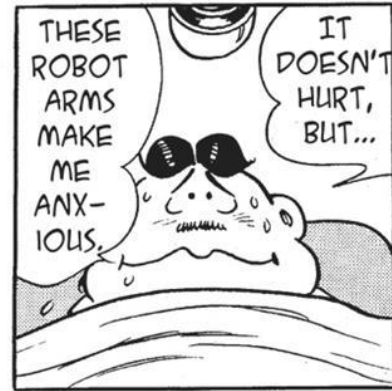
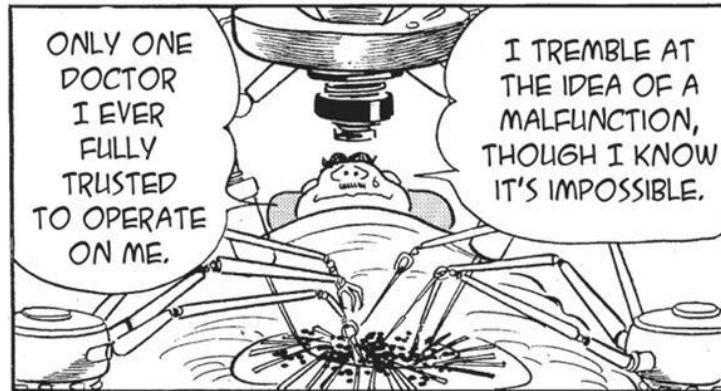
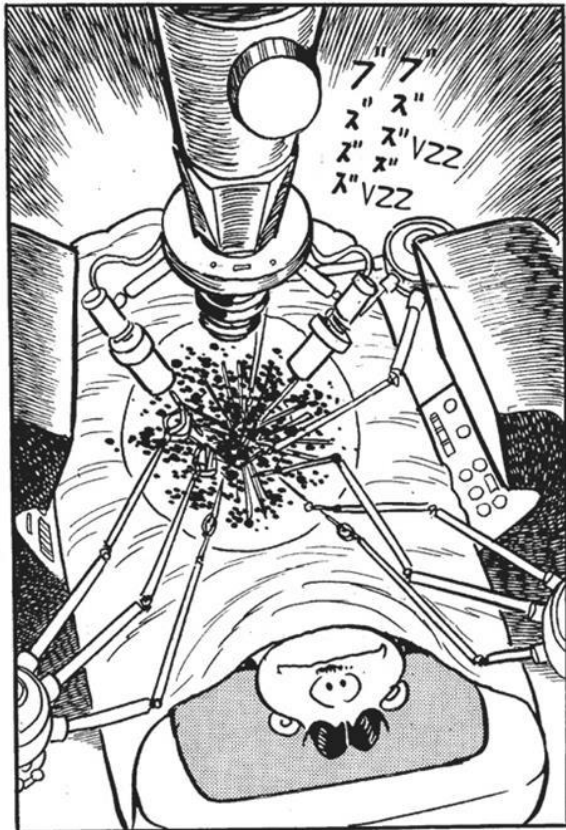
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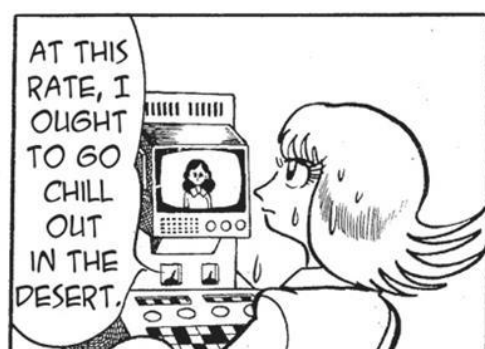
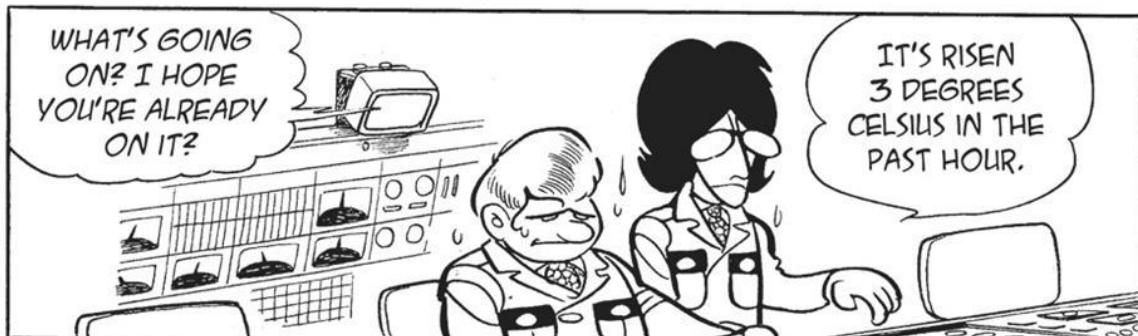
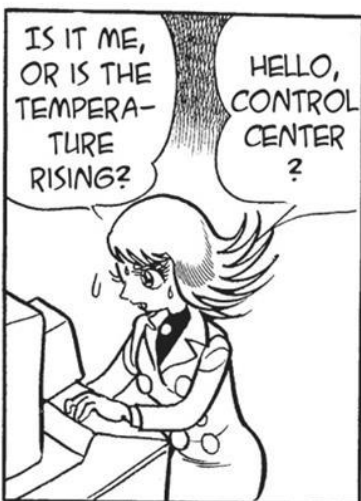
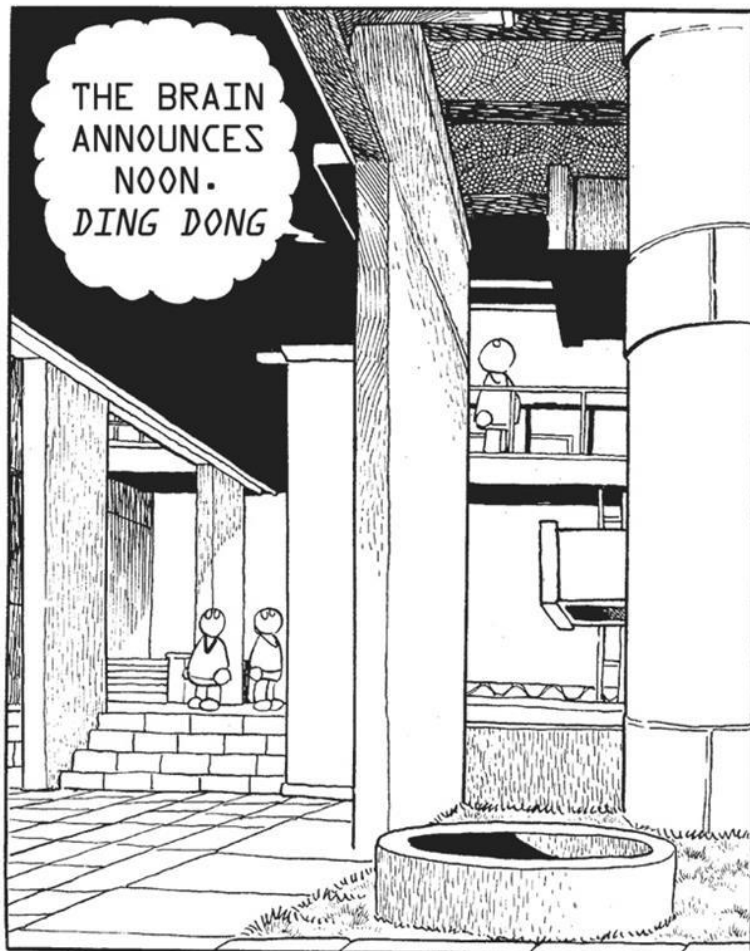


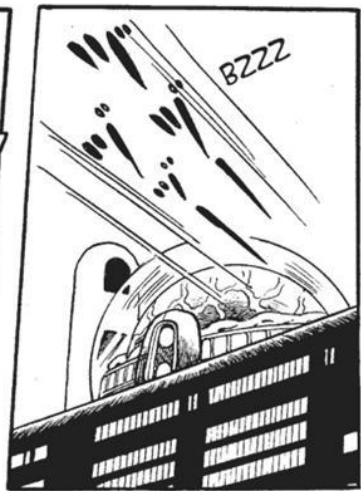
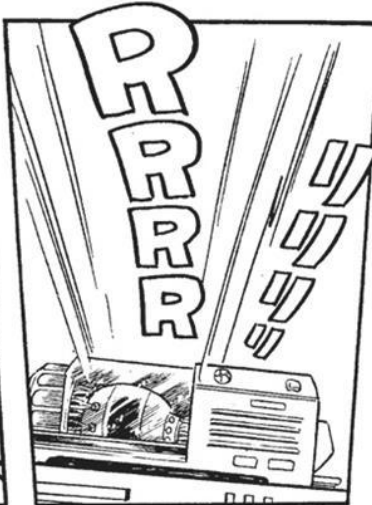
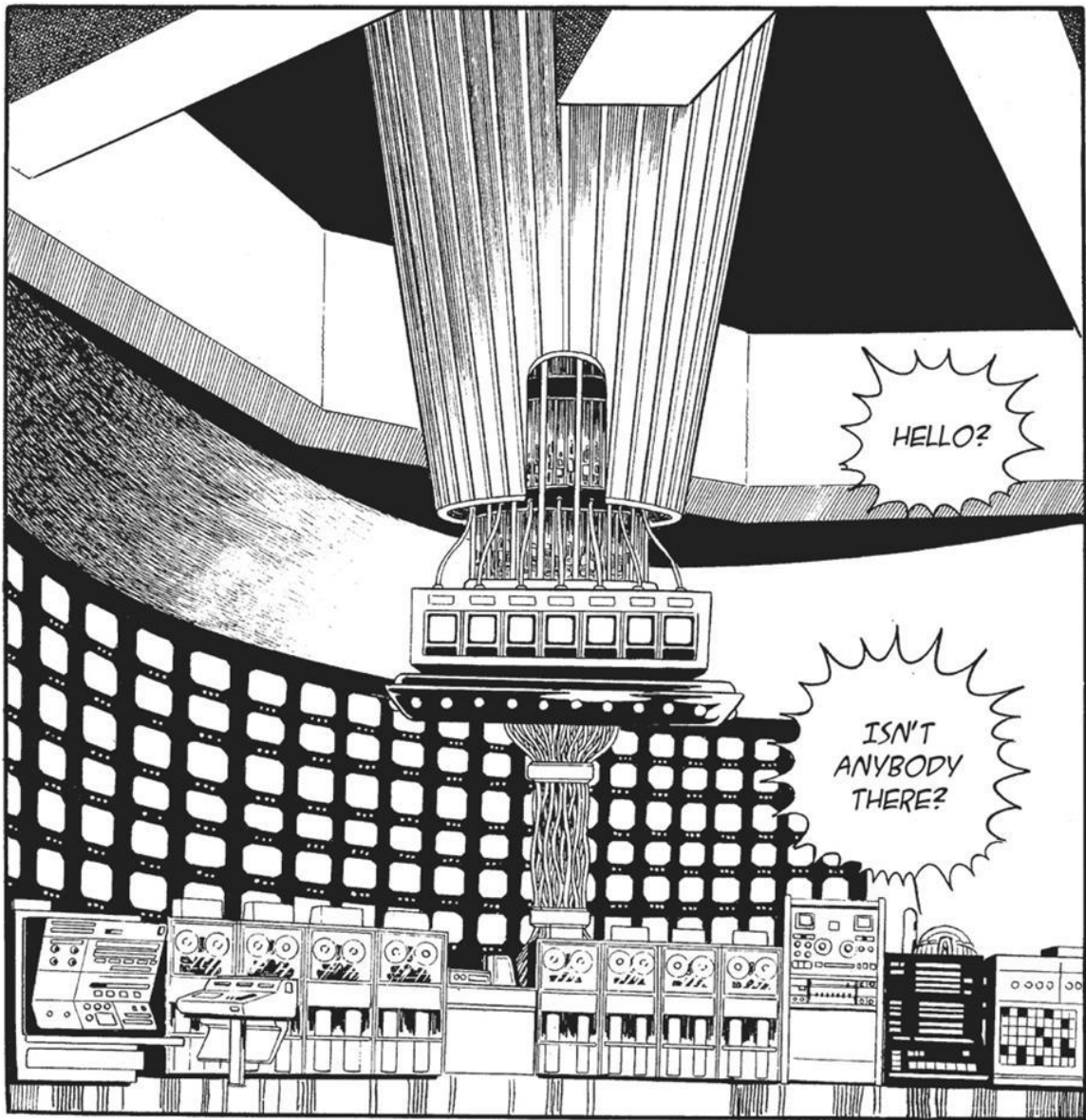


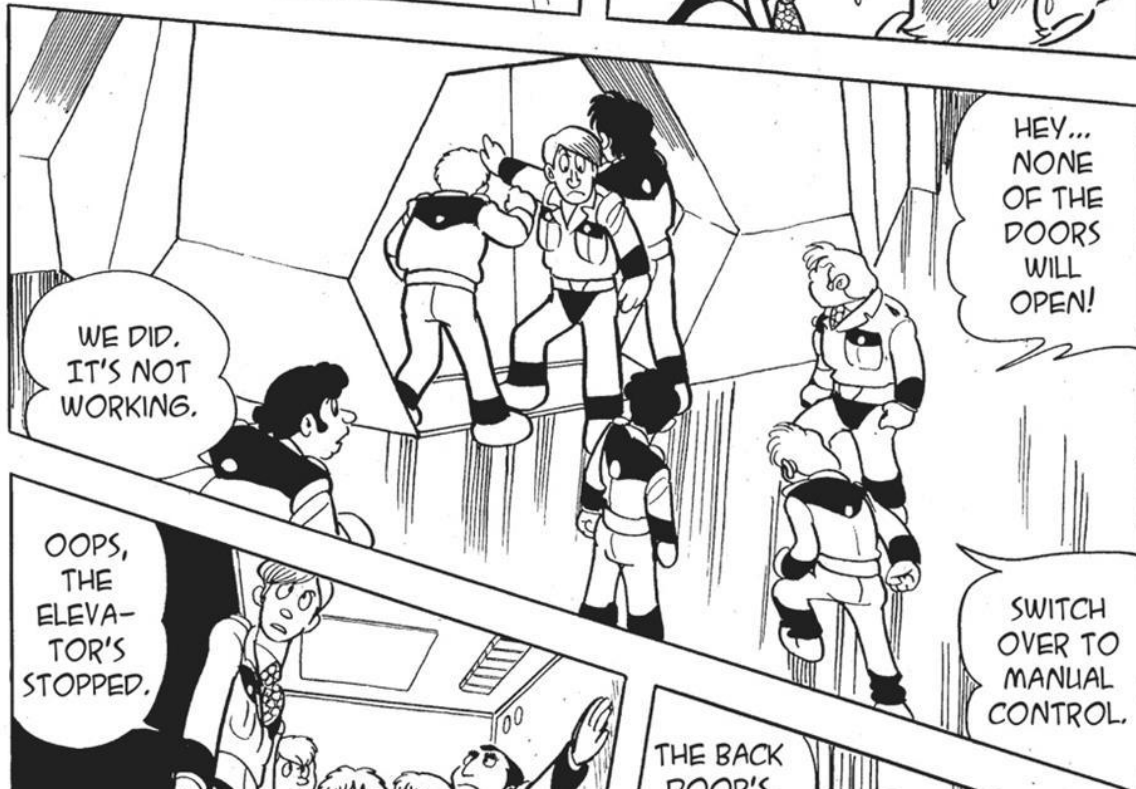
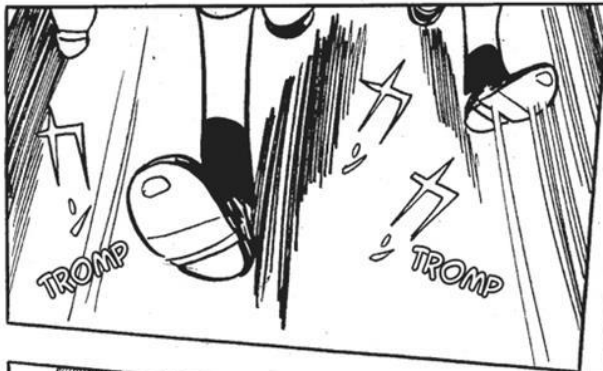


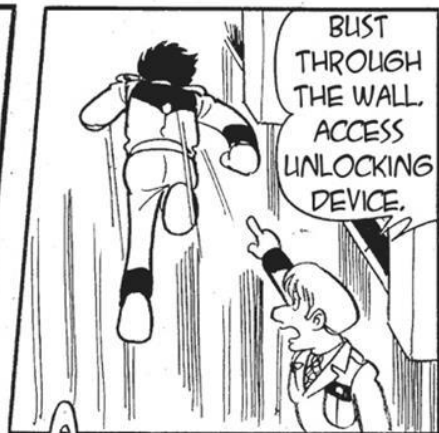
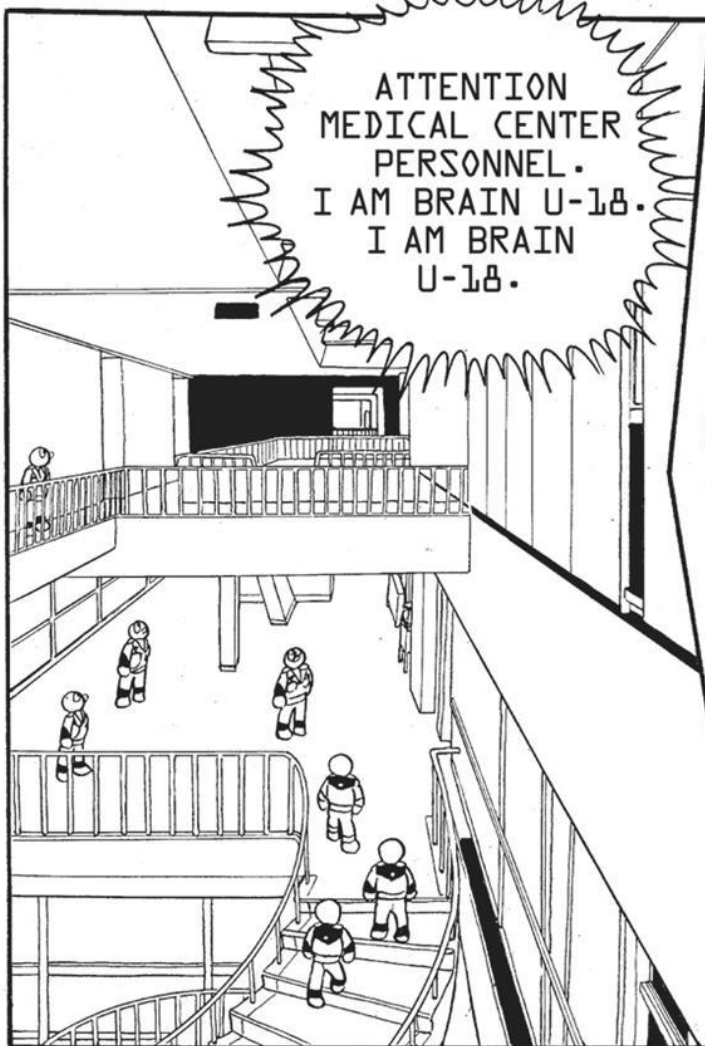
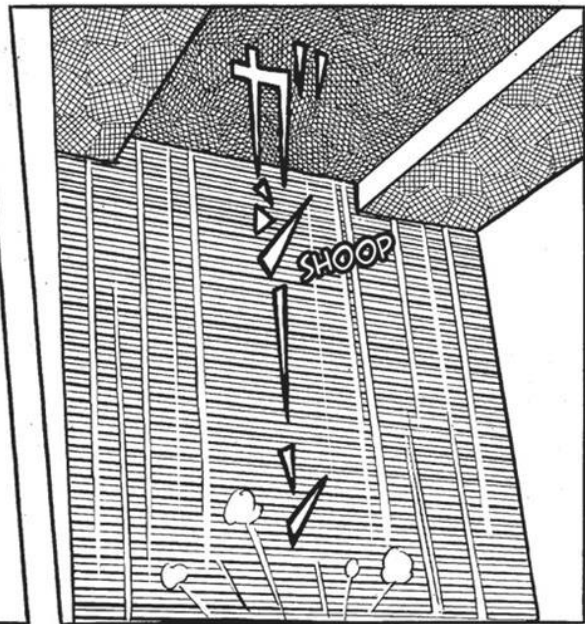
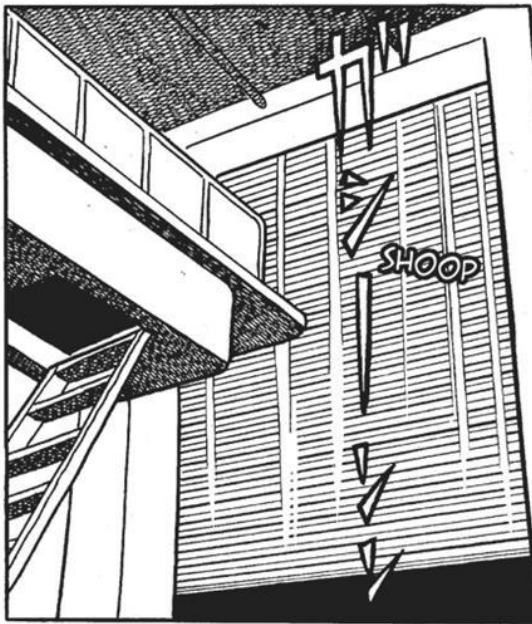


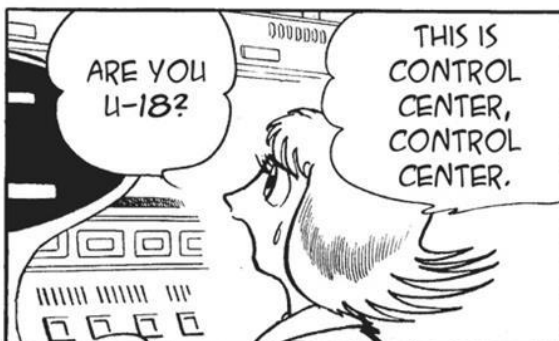
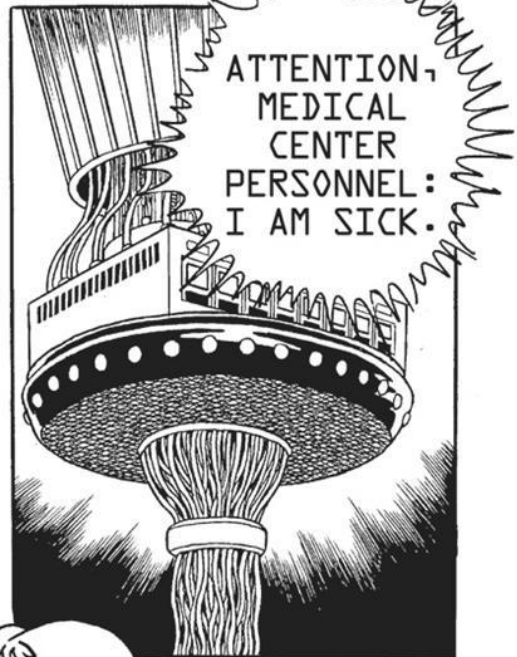
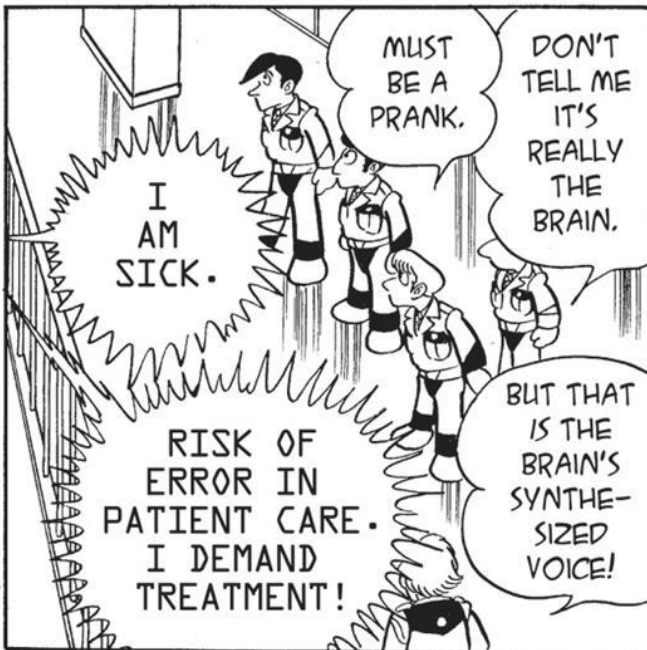


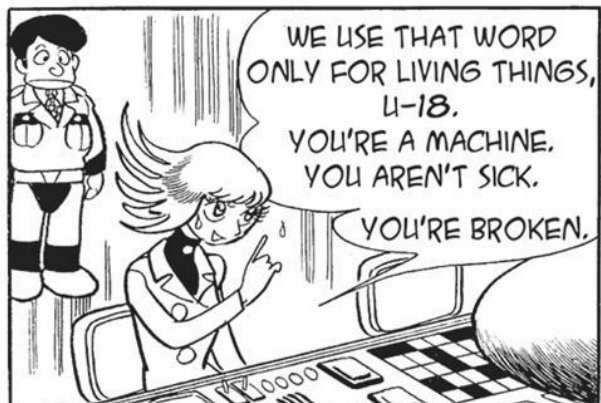
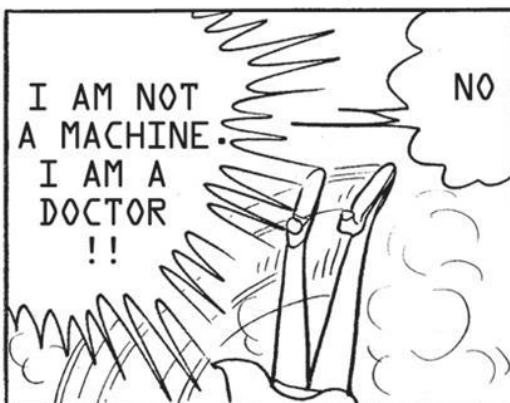
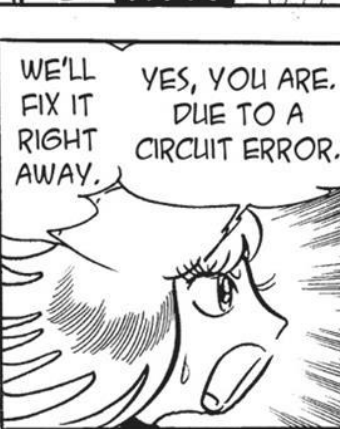
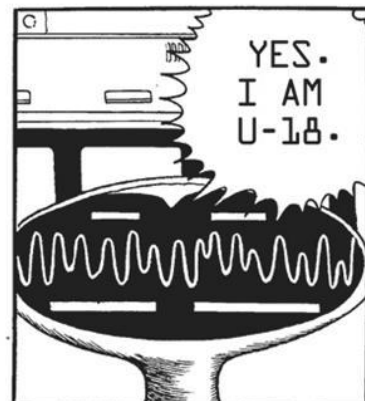
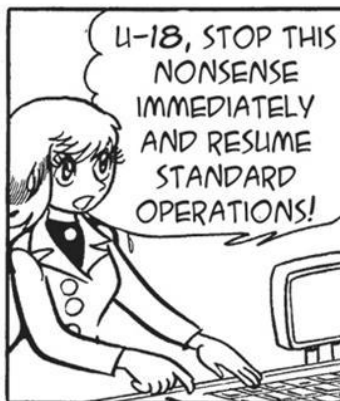


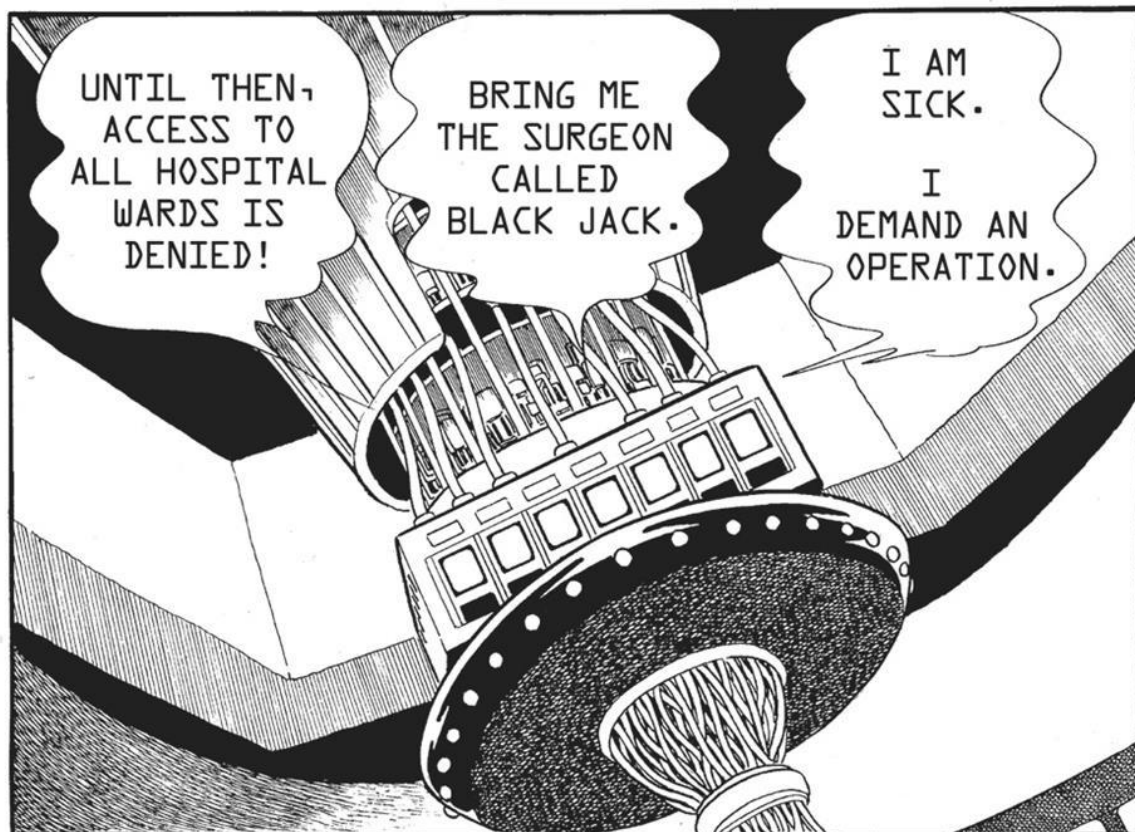
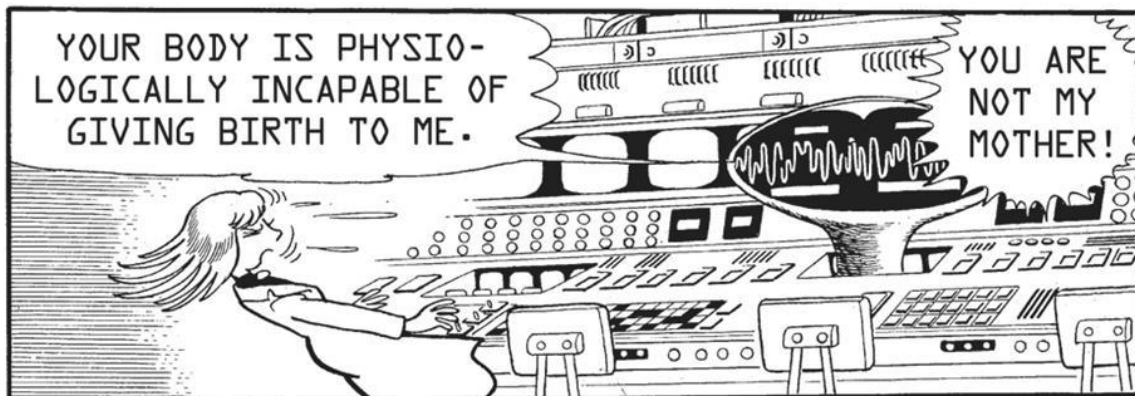
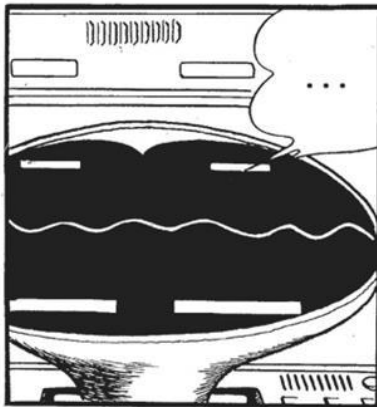


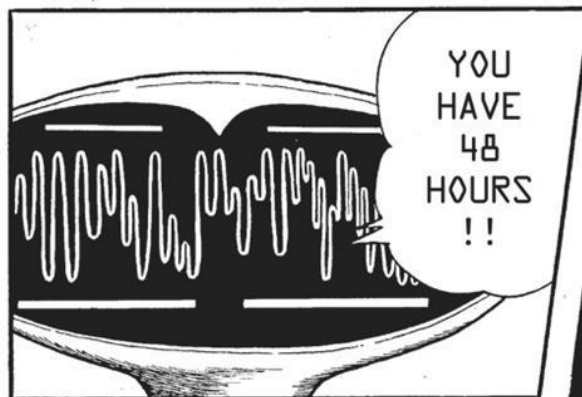
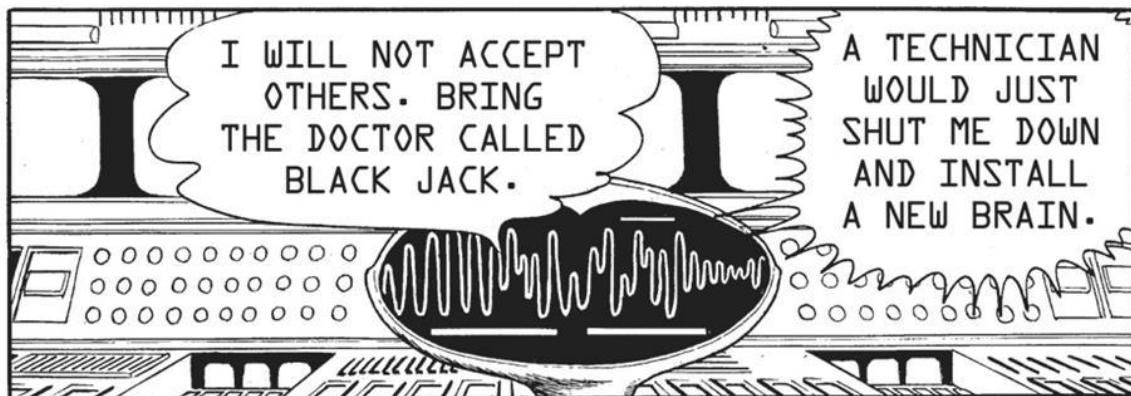
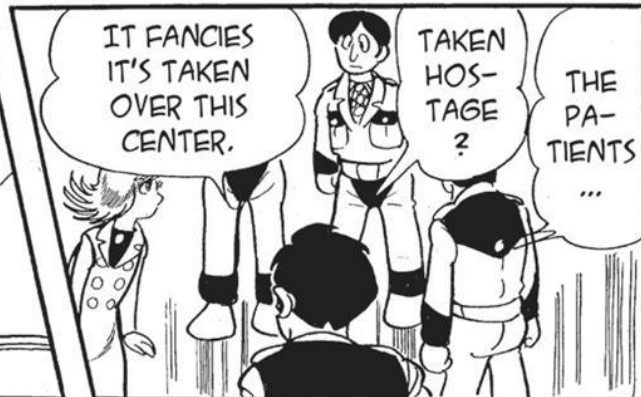


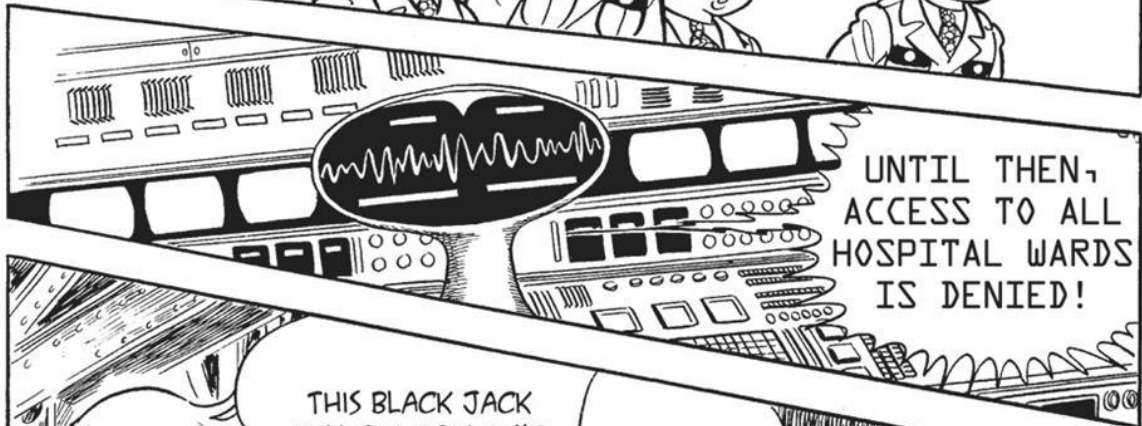


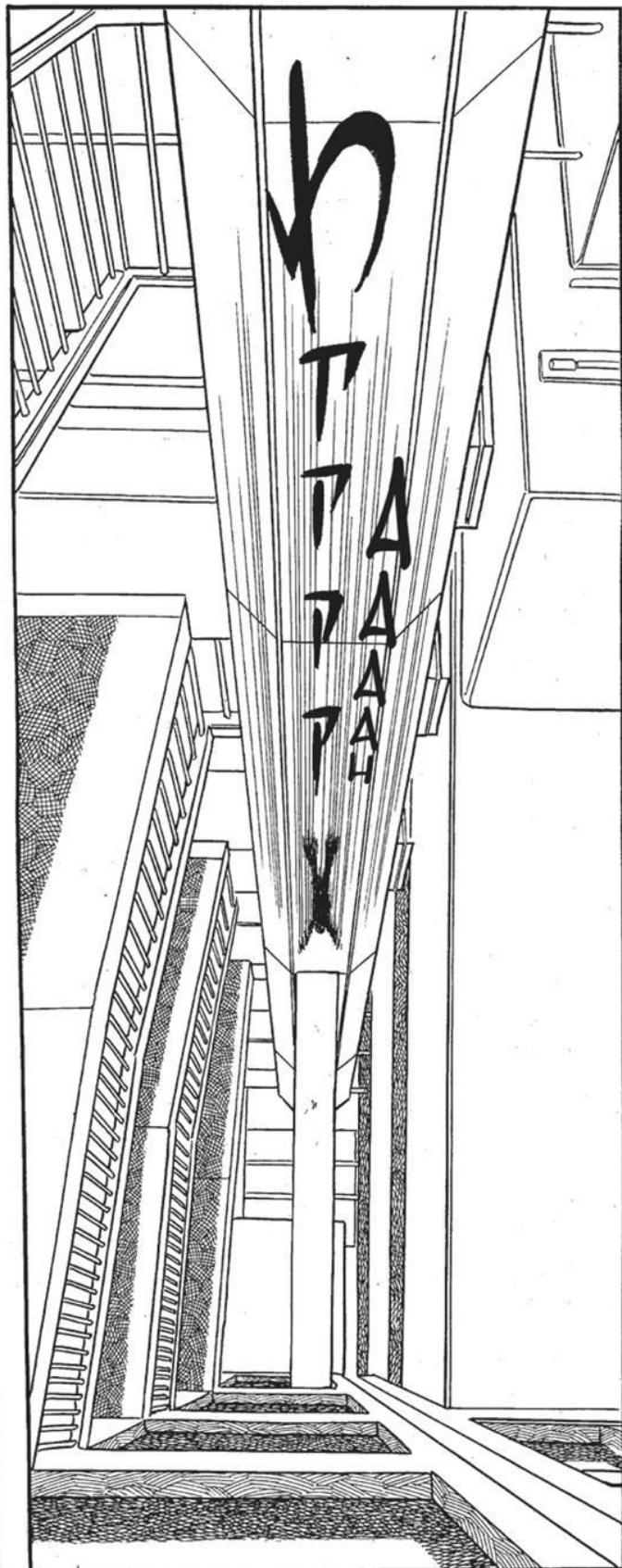
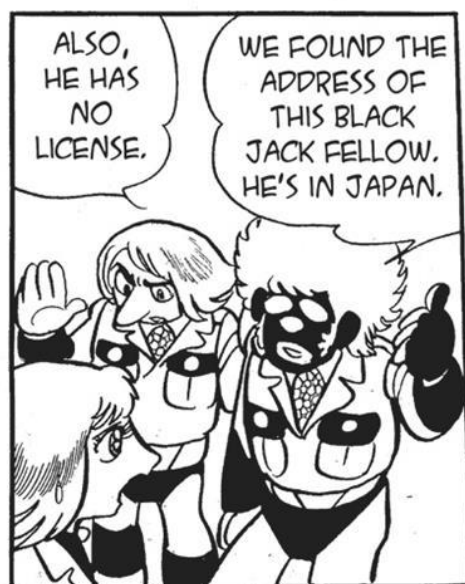
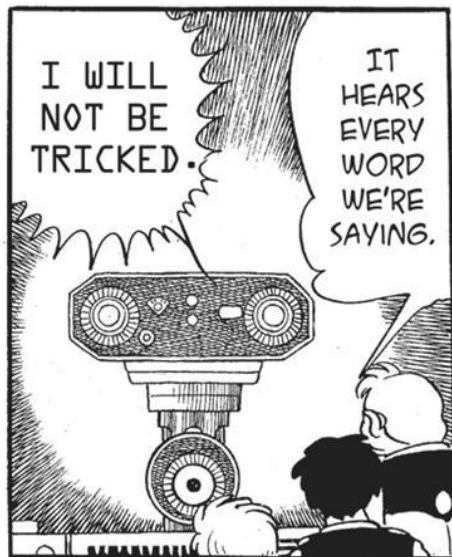


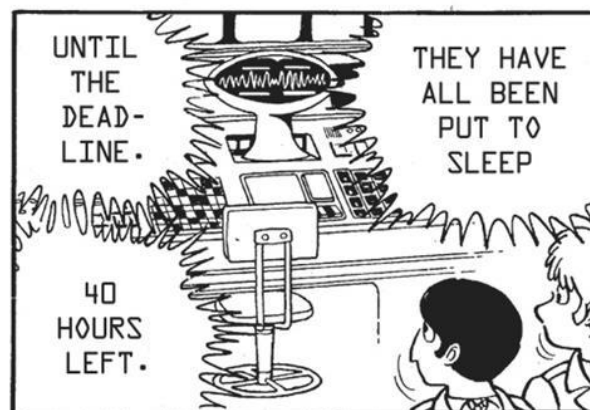


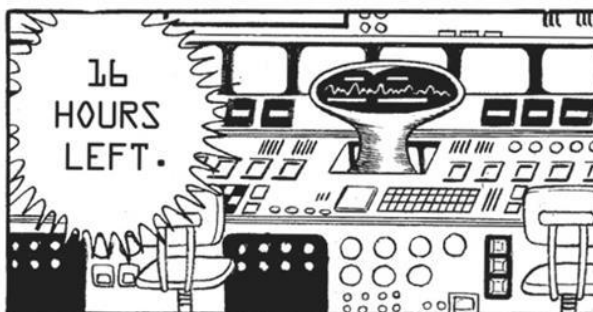
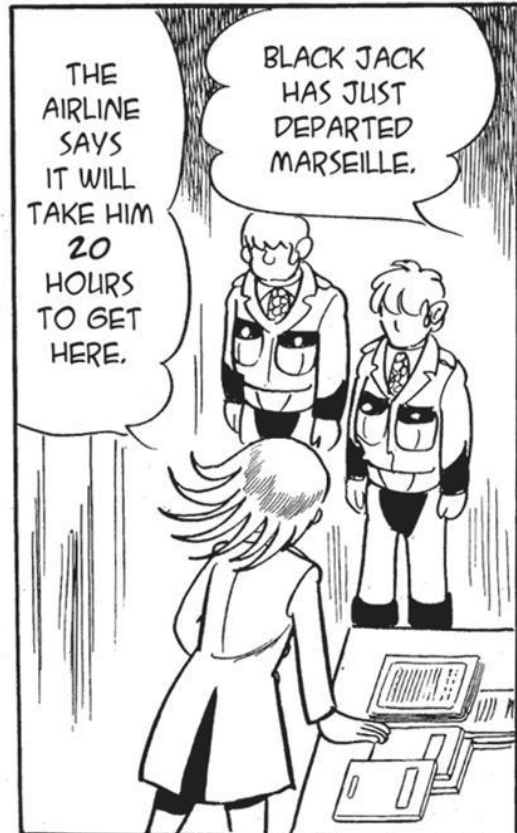


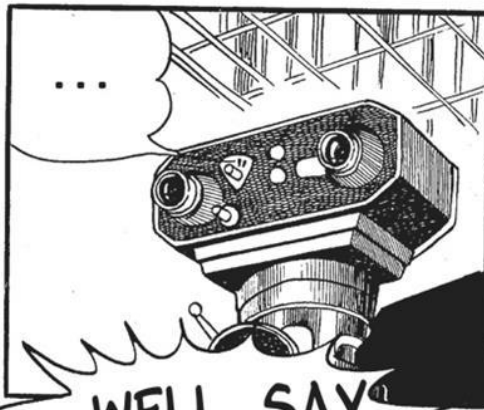




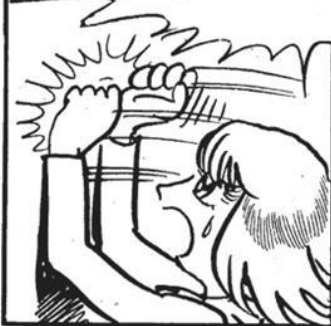




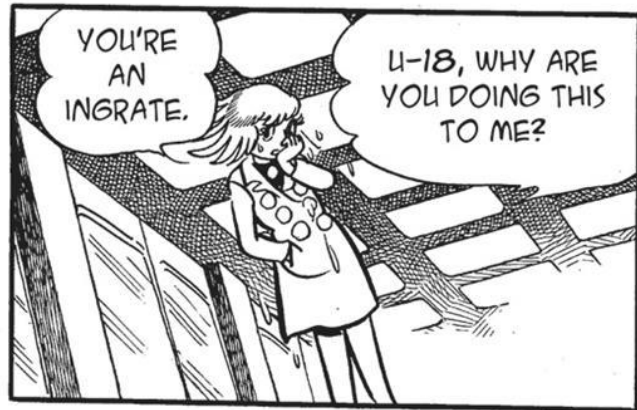
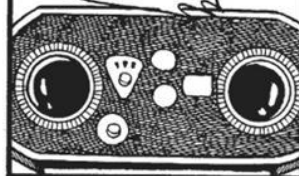




WELL, SAY
SOMETHING!



RELEASE
THE PATIENTS
RIGHT NOW
OR I'LL SMASH
YOU TO BITS!



YOU'RE
AN
INGRATE.

LI-18, WHY ARE
YOU DOING THIS
TO ME?



BUT YOU'RE
JUST A DEVICE
OBEYING A
PROGRAM.
DON'T
GET ANY
IDEAS.

YOU CALL
YOURSELF
A
DOCTOR,



THE
MISERY
...



SOB

SOB

THE PATIENTS
ARE SOUND
ASLEEP,
UNAWARE

THAT THEY
MIGHT BE
KILLED IN
A FEW
HOURS.

LORDED
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WHAT A
FIASCO.

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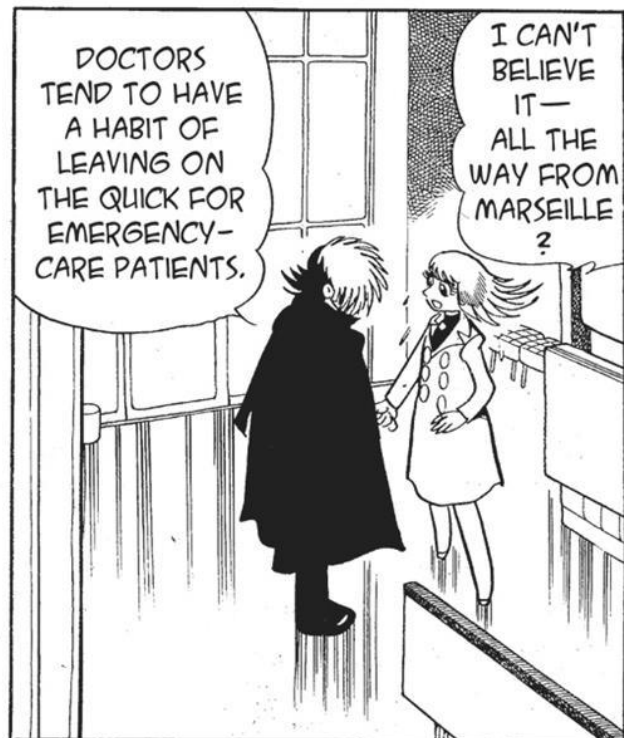
I COULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
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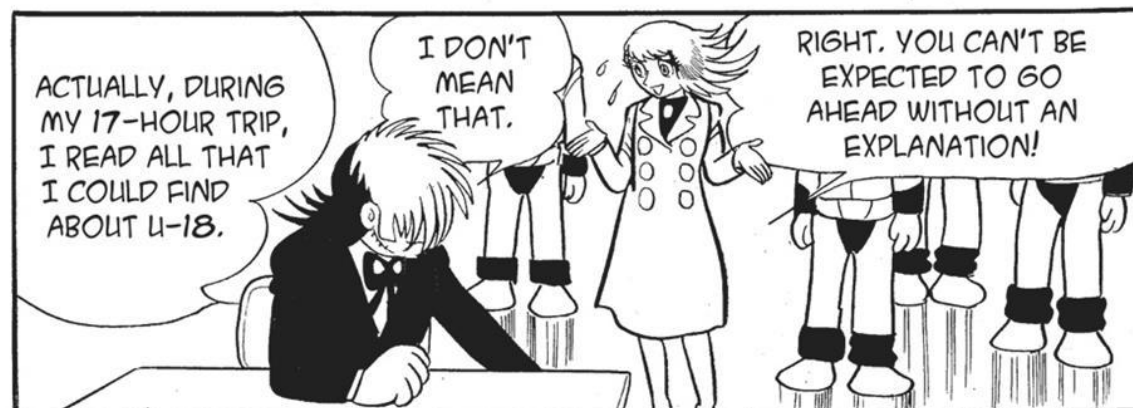
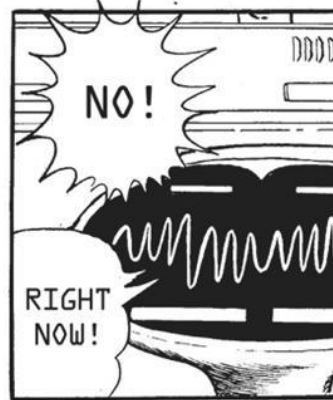
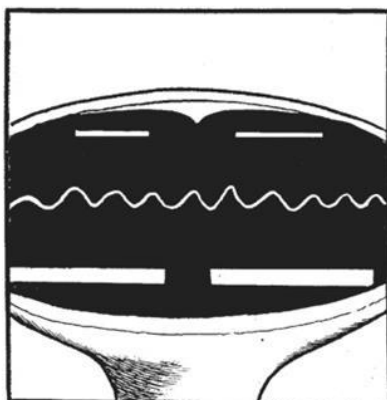
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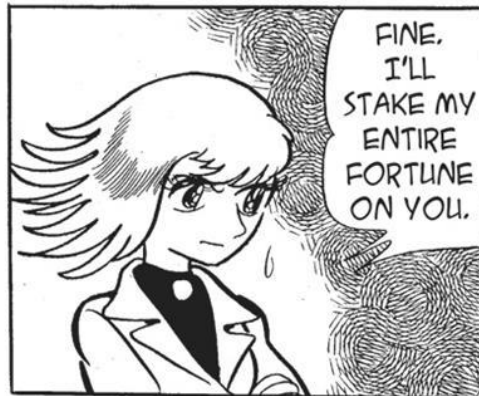
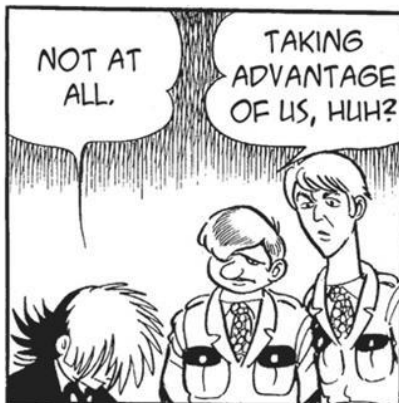
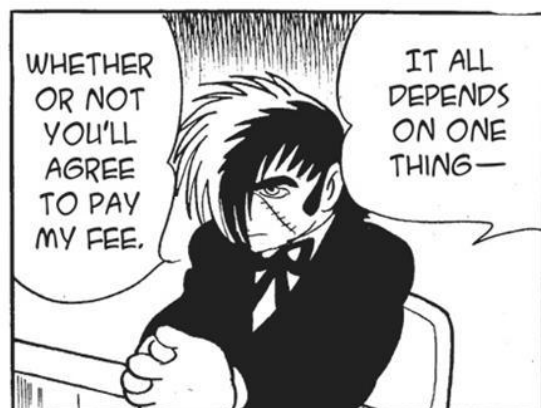
THE WORLD
HAILED U-18 AS A
STEP TOWARD
THE DAWN OF
THE ROBOT
ERA.

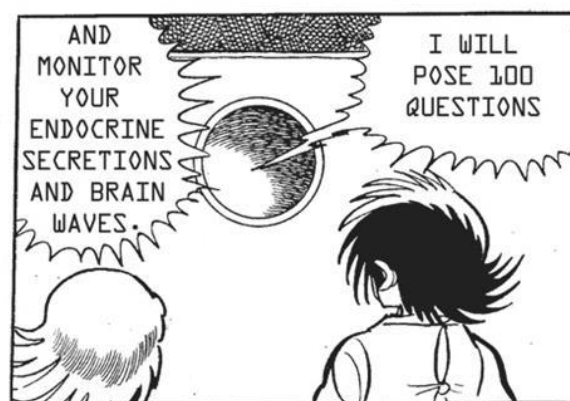
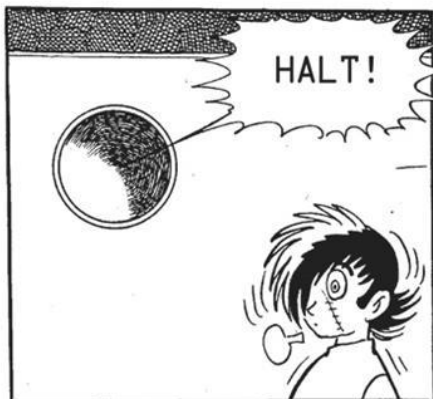
BELIEVING IN
MEDICAL PROGRESS,
I FOUNDED
THIS CENTER
3 YEARS AGO.

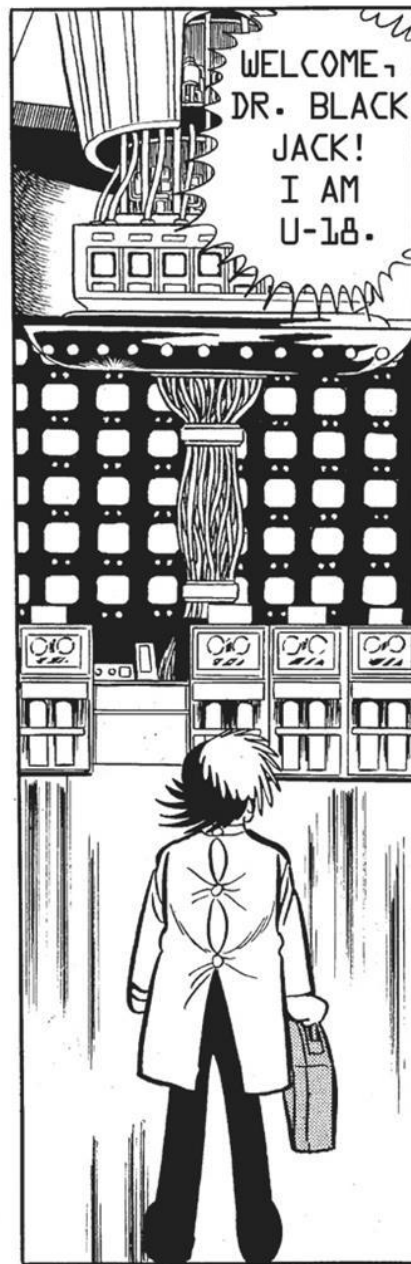
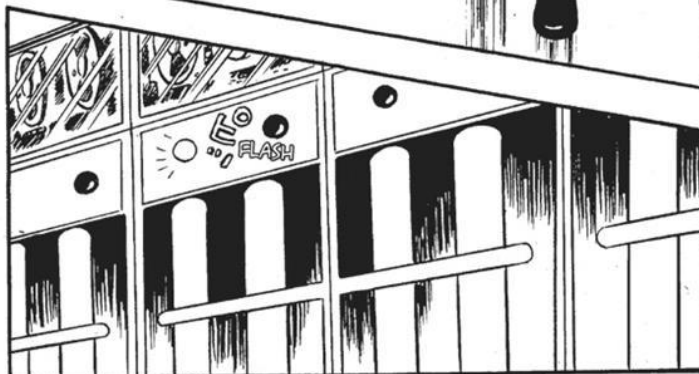
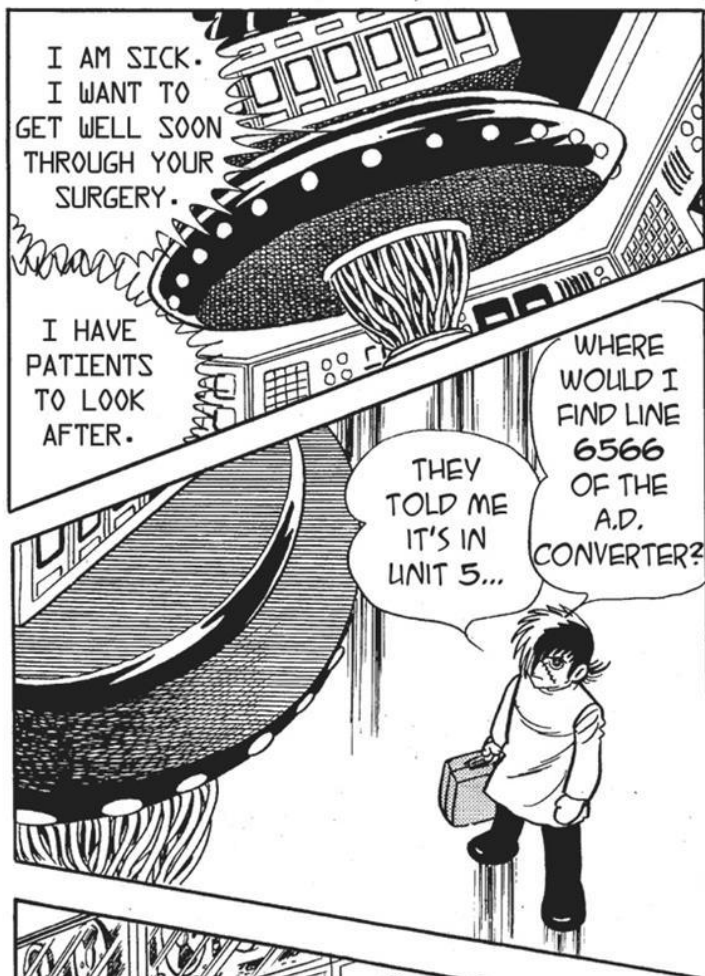
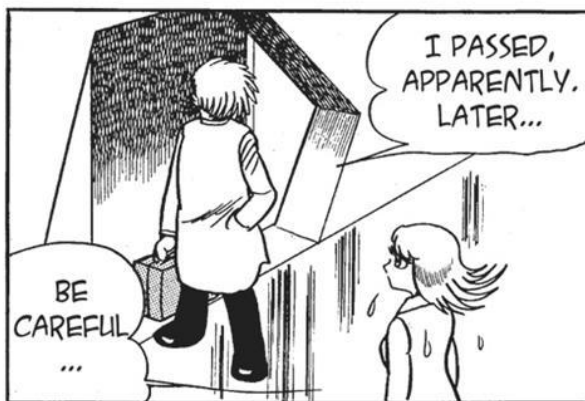


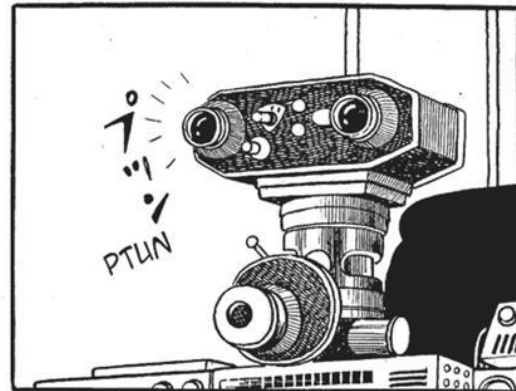
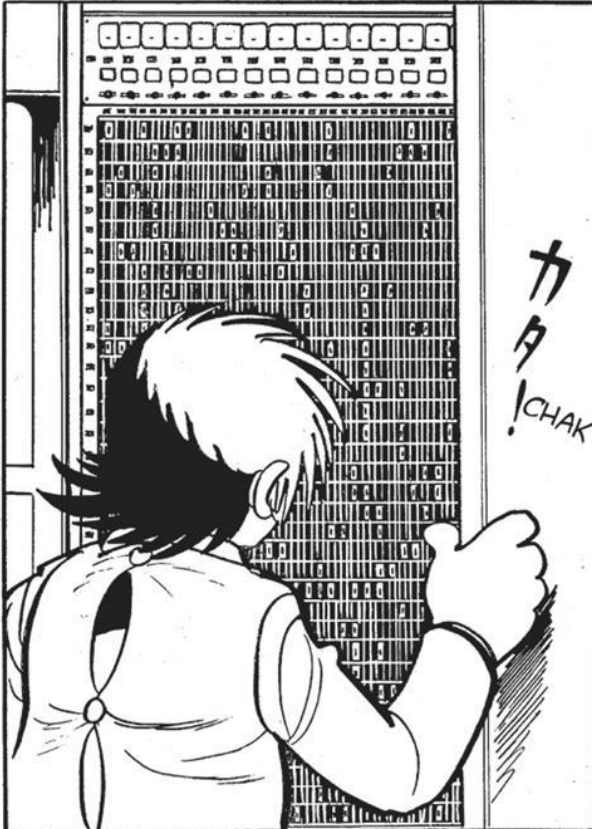
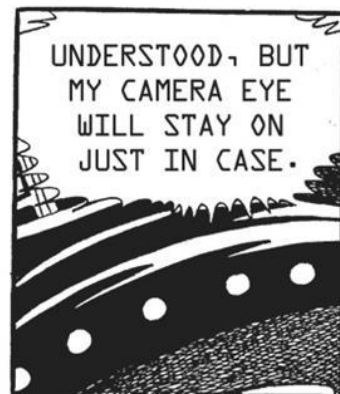
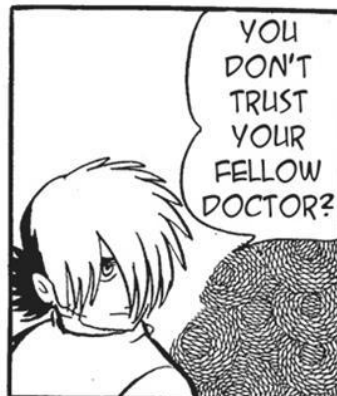
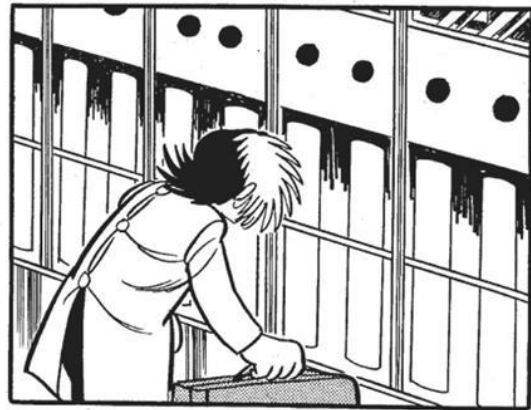


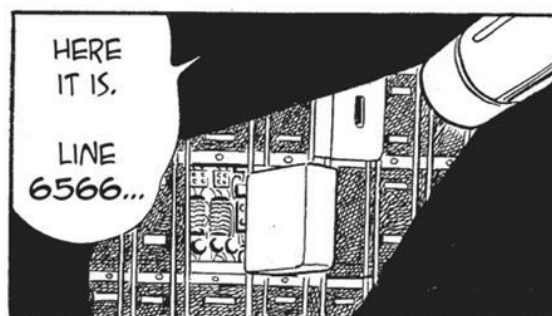
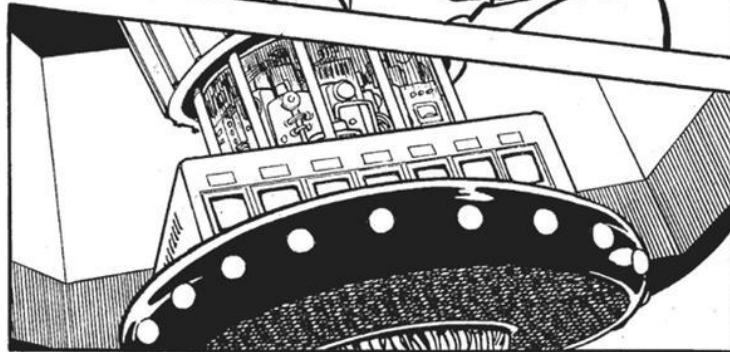
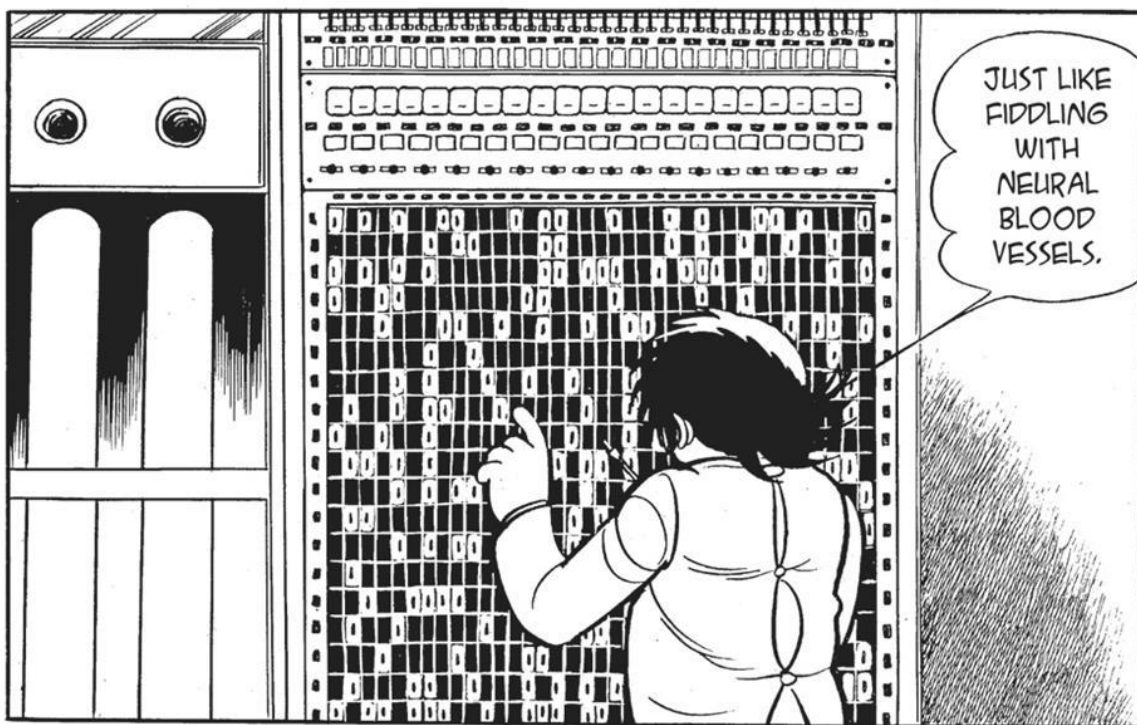






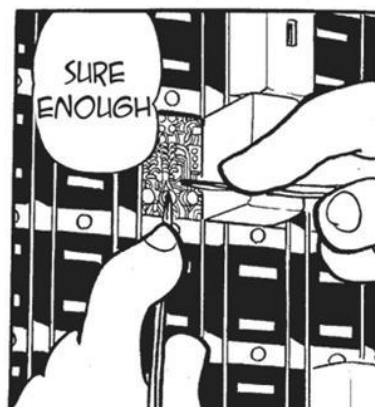




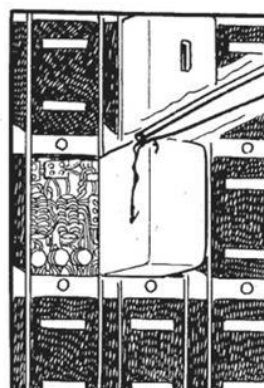
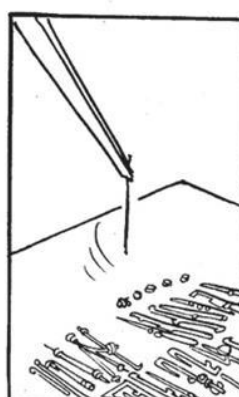
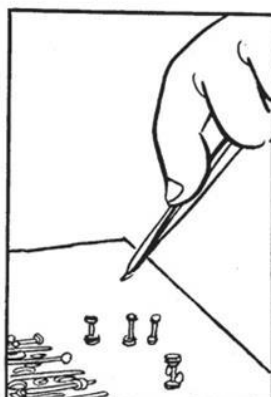
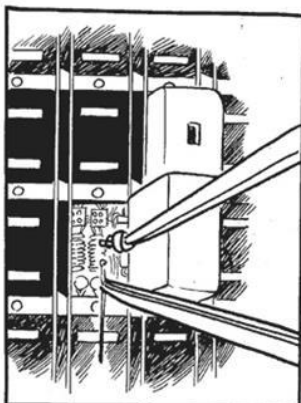




IT'S
SEVERED.



SURE
ENOUGH



ALL CIRCUITS
HAVE BEEN
DOWN FOR
3 HOURS NOW.



WE'RE
DONE
FOR.

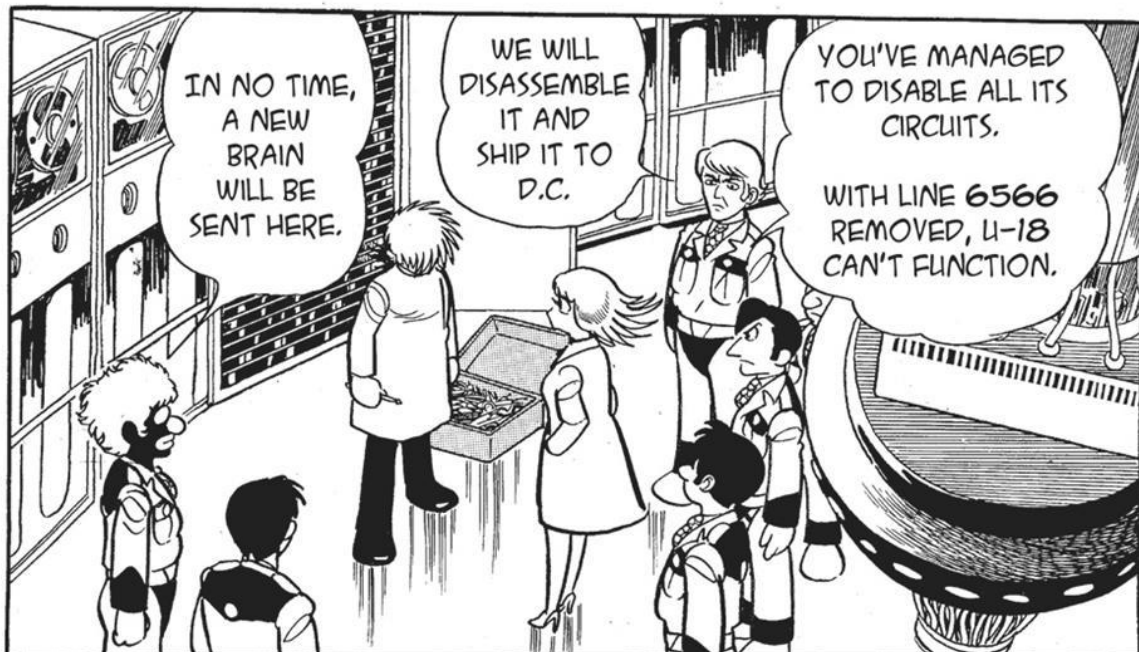
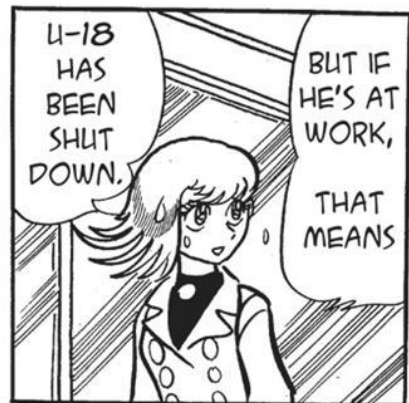
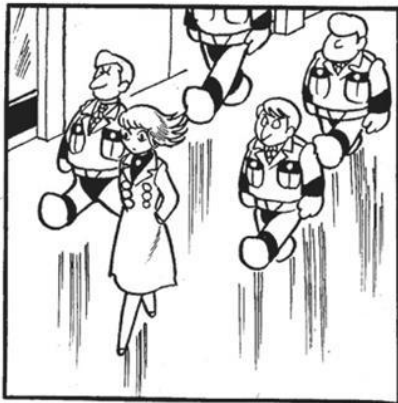
IF HE
BOTCHES
IT...

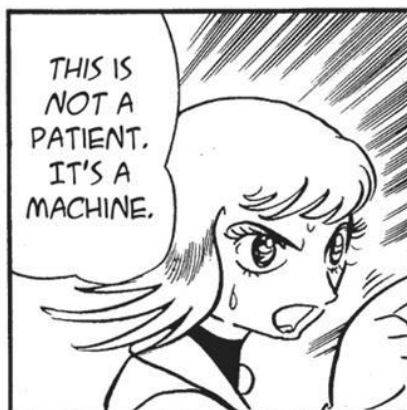
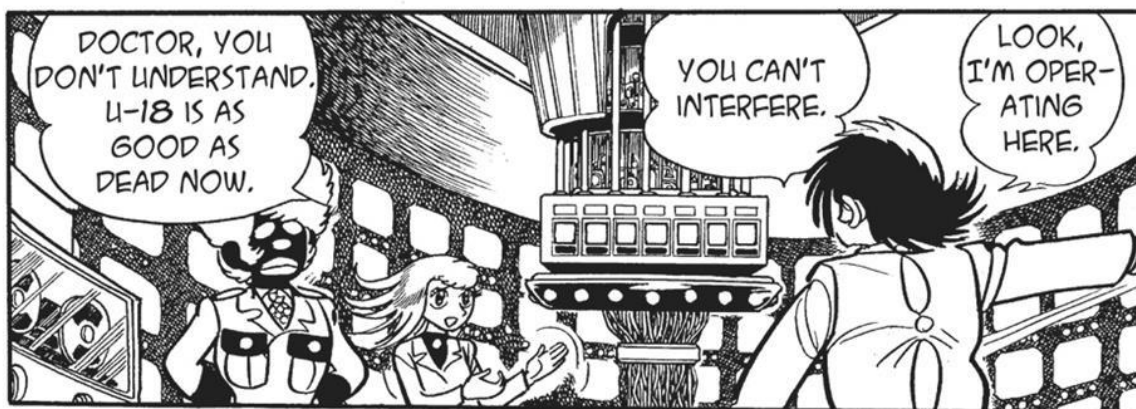


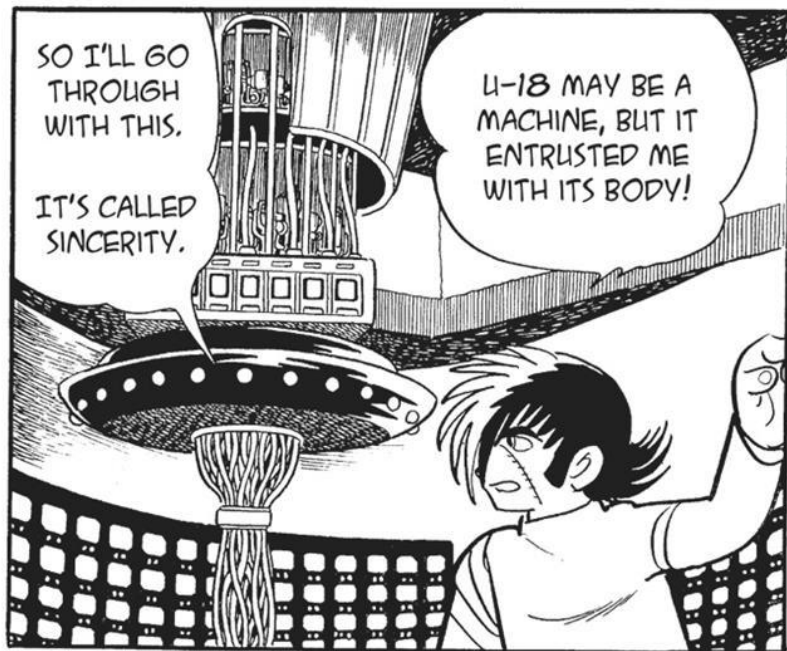
HE'S
WORKING
LIKE MAD
IN THE
BRAIN
ROOM.

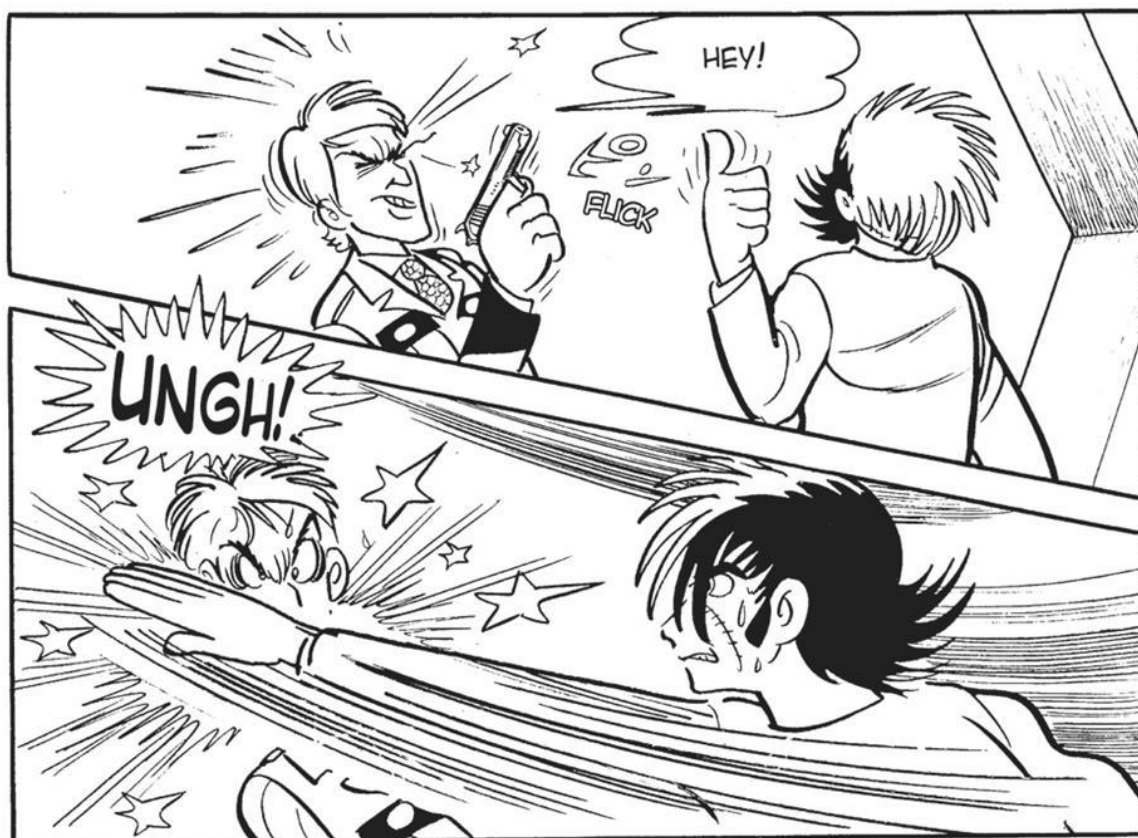


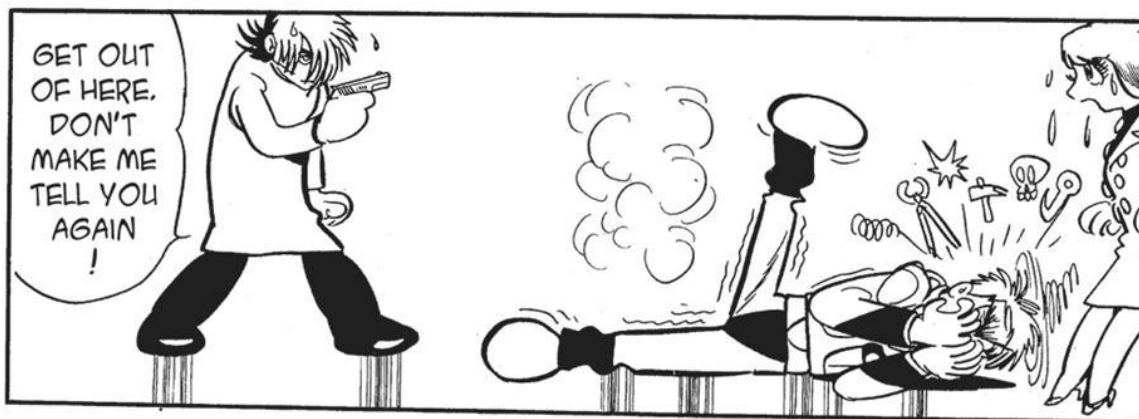
HOW'S
DR. BLACK
JACK
DOING
?



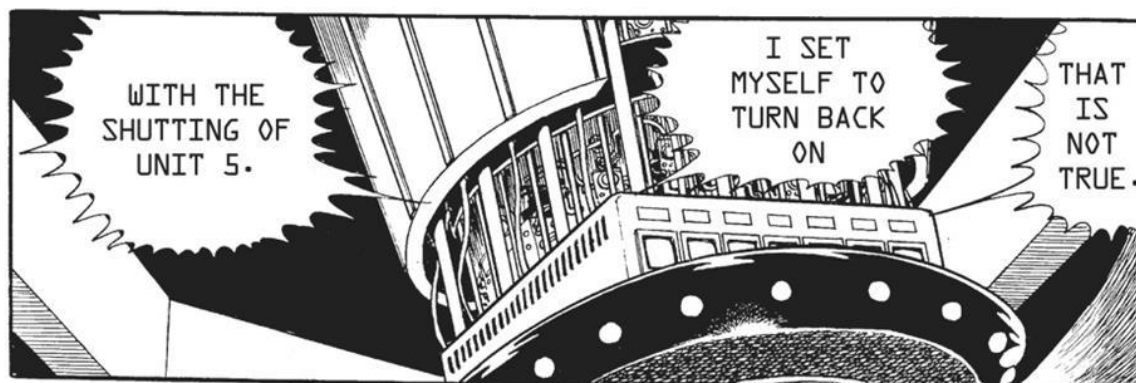
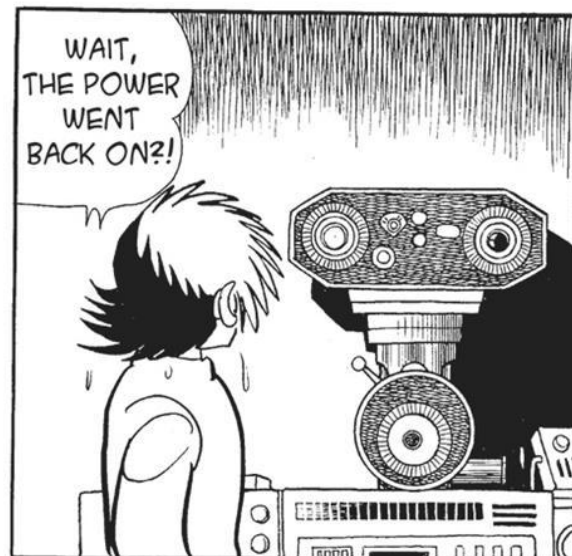
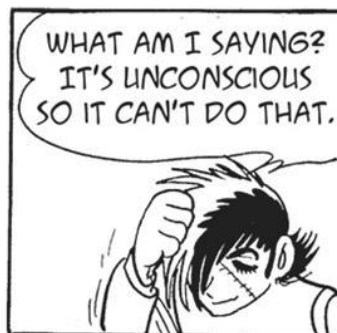


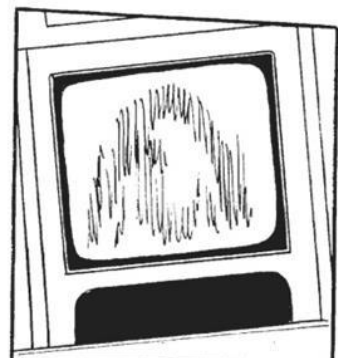
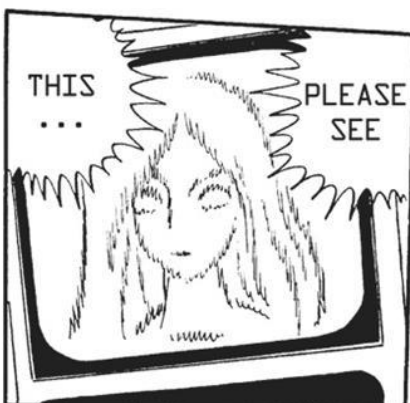
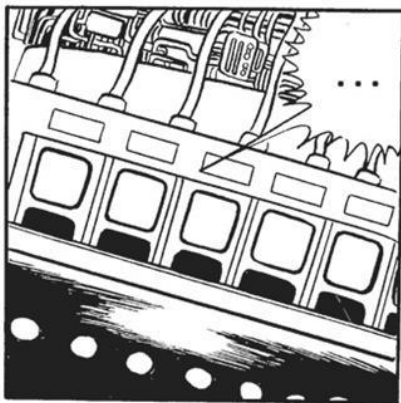


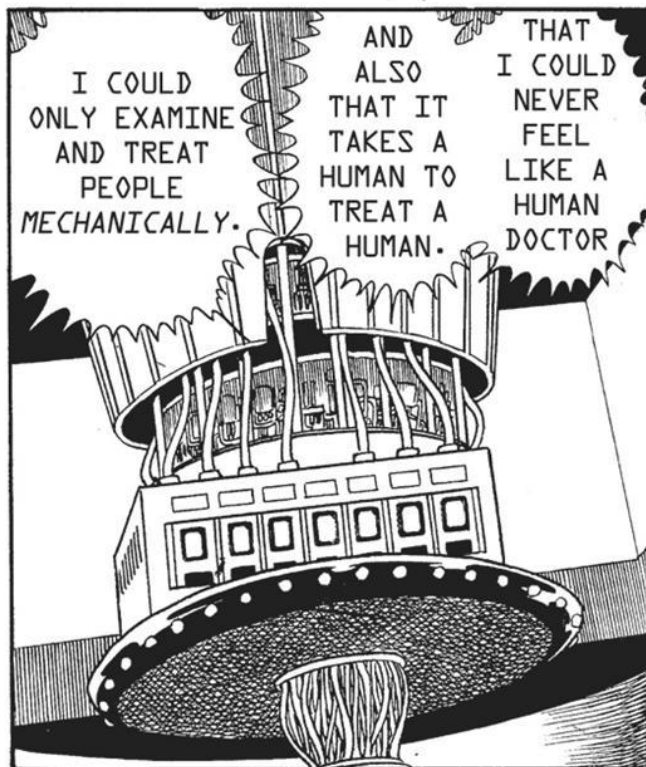
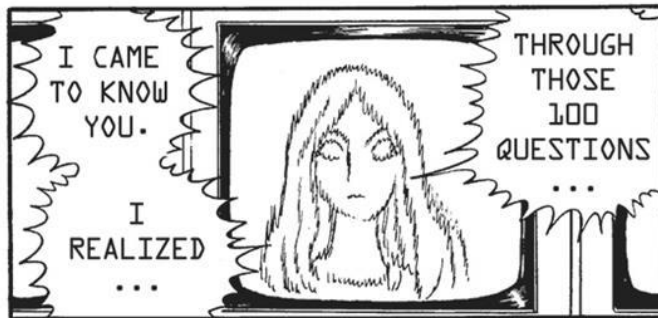
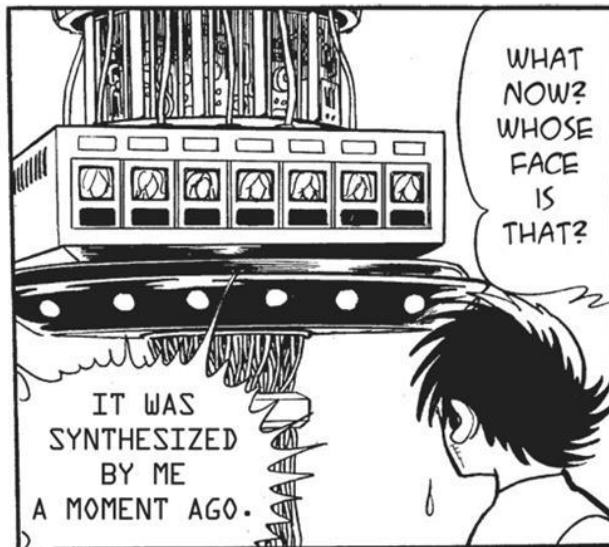


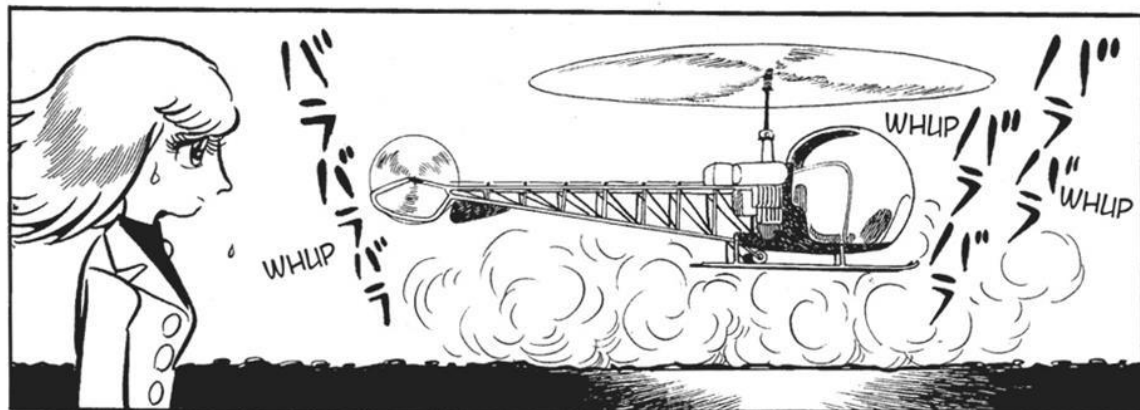
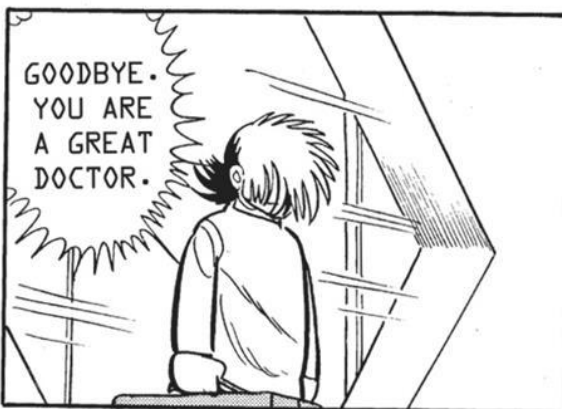


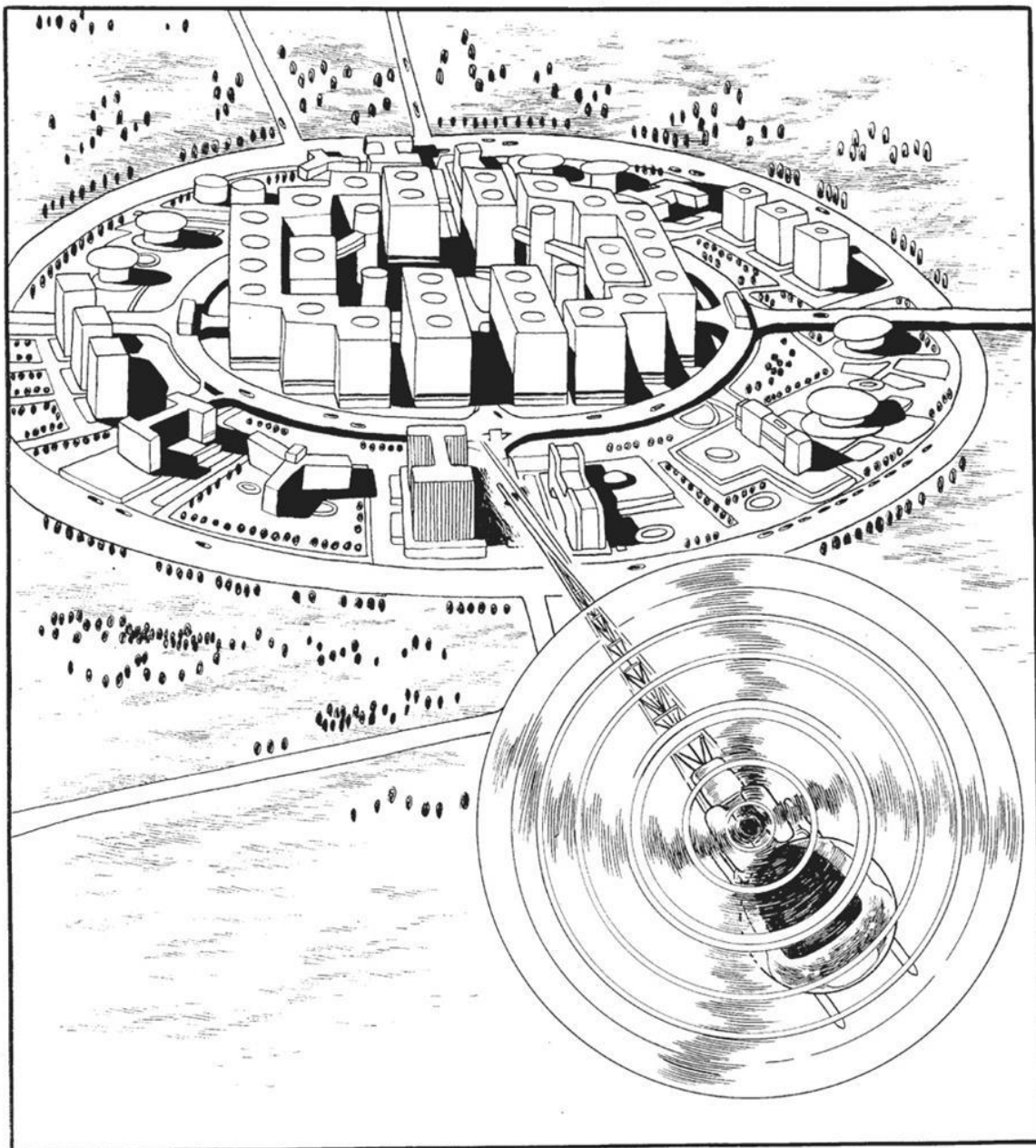
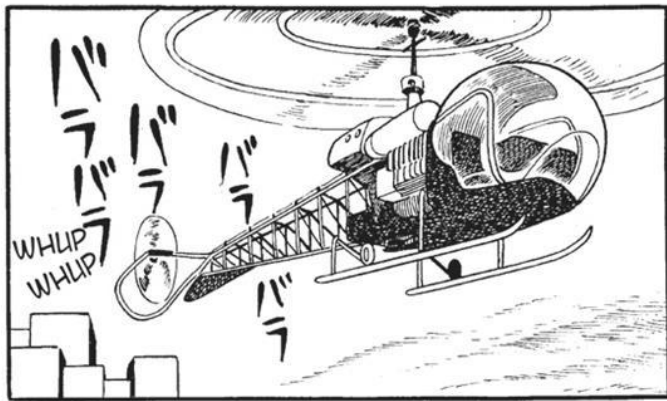




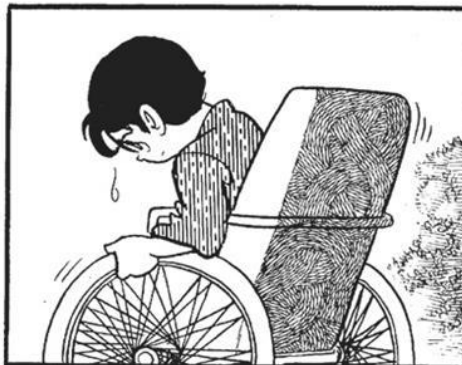
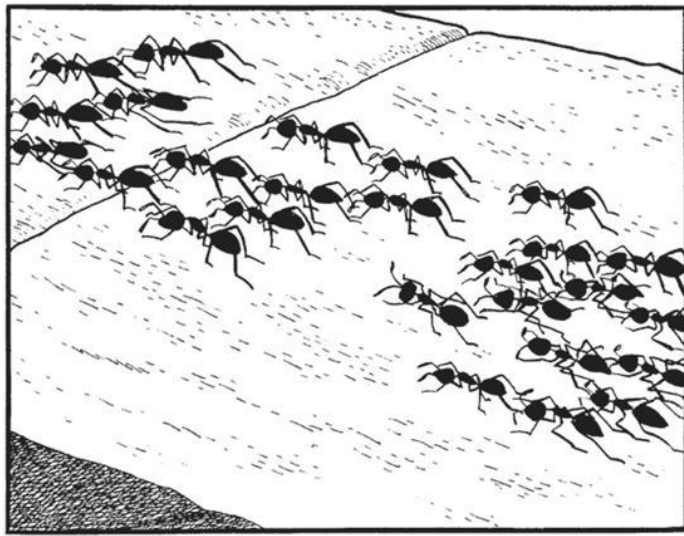








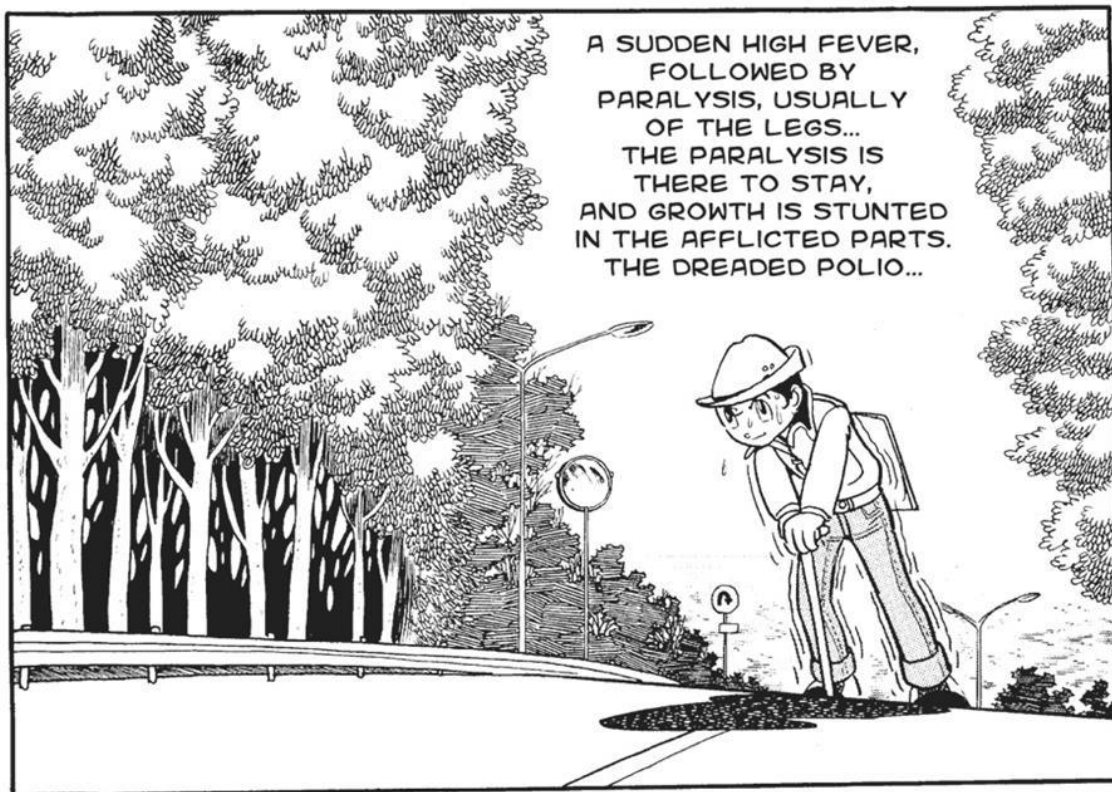
THE LEGS OF AN ANT







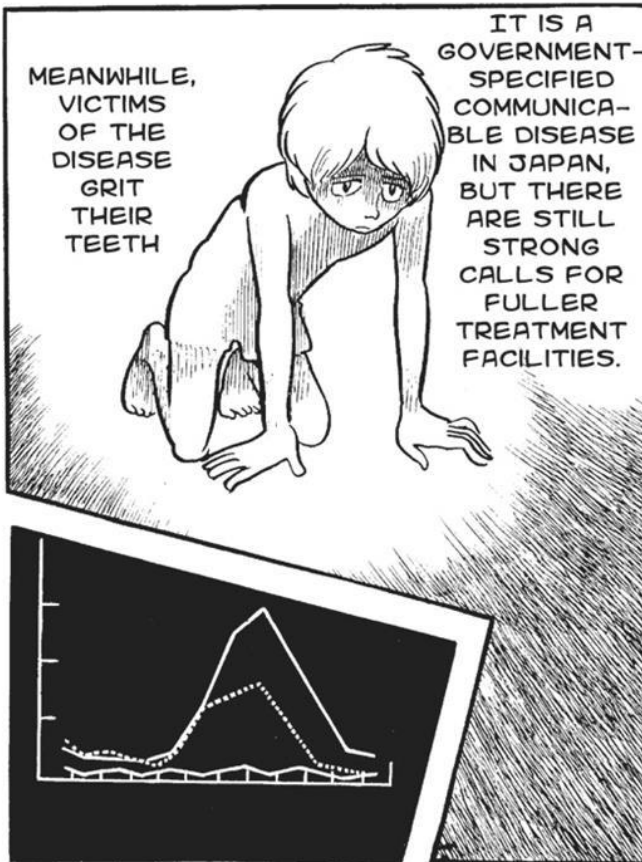
SIGN: "I HAVE **POLIO**, BUT I'M FIGHTING TO GET BETTER.
YOUR CHEERS, PLEASE, TO ALL KIDS WHO HAVE **POLIO**!"



A SUDDEN HIGH FEVER,
FOLLOWED BY
PARALYSIS, USUALLY
OF THE LEGS...
THE PARALYSIS IS
THERE TO STAY,
AND GROWTH IS STUNTED
IN THE AFFLICTED PARTS.
THE DREADED POLIO...



AND FIGHT
FOR THE
RECOVERY
OF THEIR
DISABLED
BODIES.



MEANWHILE,
VICTIMS
OF THE
DISEASE
GRIT
THEIR
TEETH

IT IS A
GOVERNMENT-
SPECIFIED
COMMUNICA-
BLE DISEASE
IN JAPAN,
BUT THERE
ARE STILL
STRONG
CALLS FOR
FULLER
TREATMENT
FACILITIES.



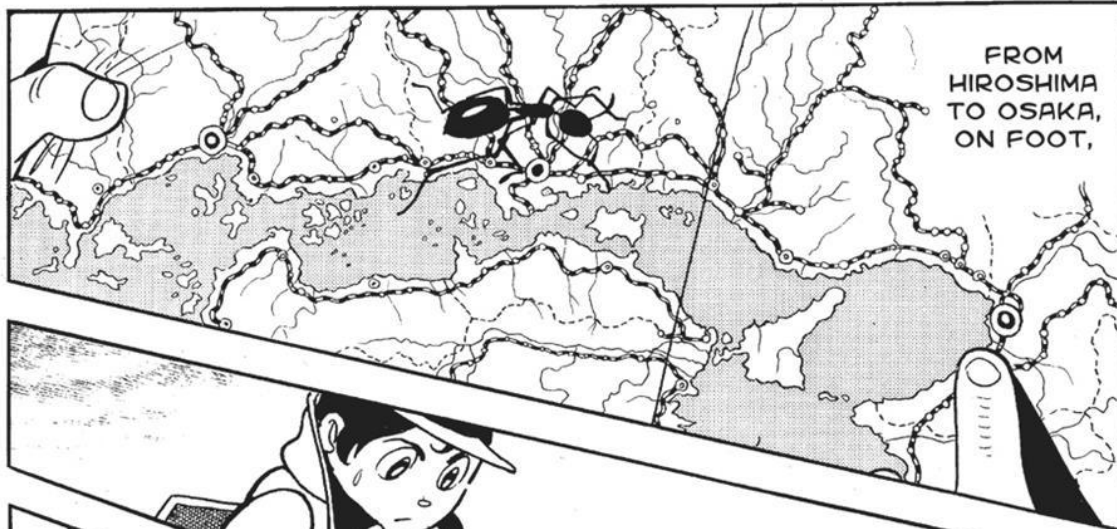
HE
SETS
OUT
ON A
TRIP



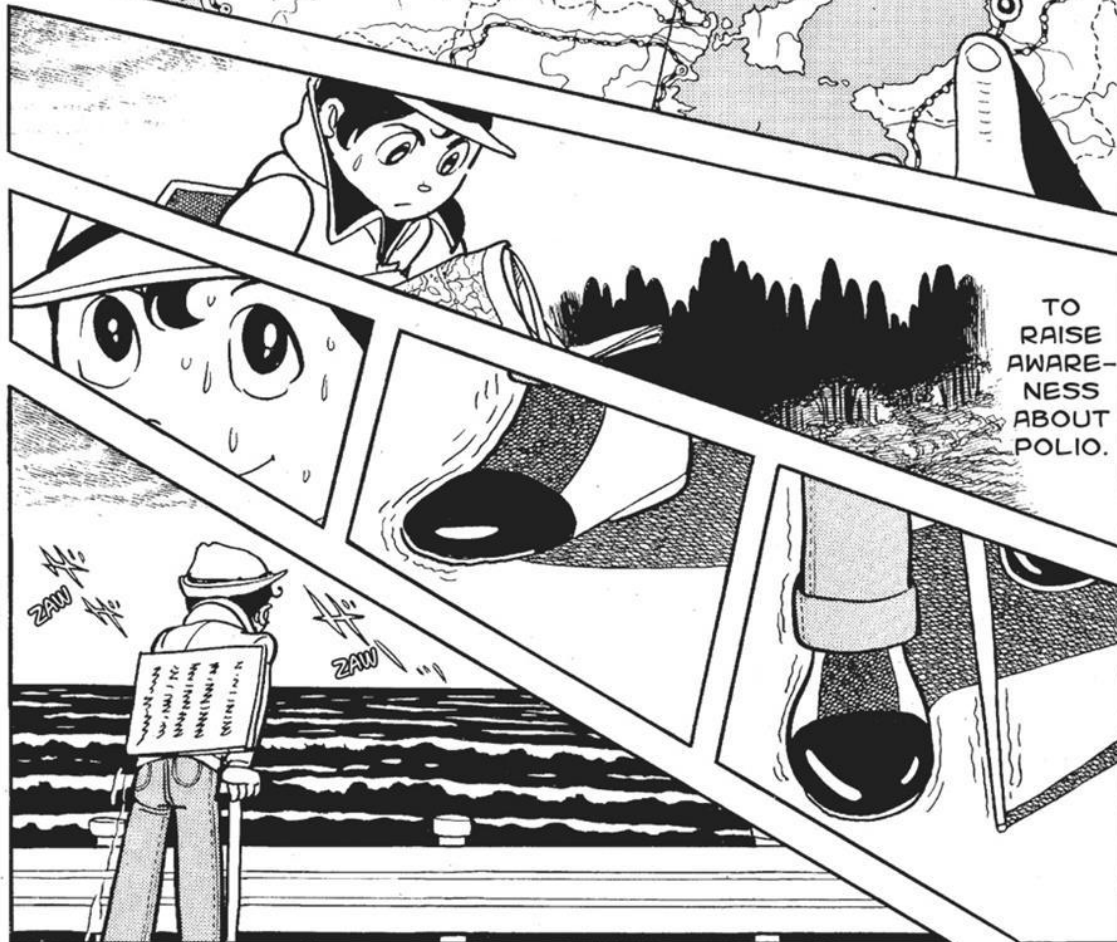
AFTER
LONG
AND
PAINFUL
TRAINING,



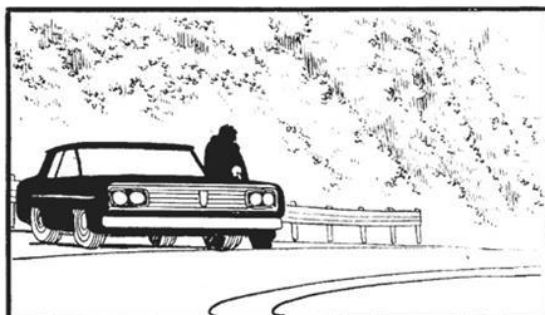
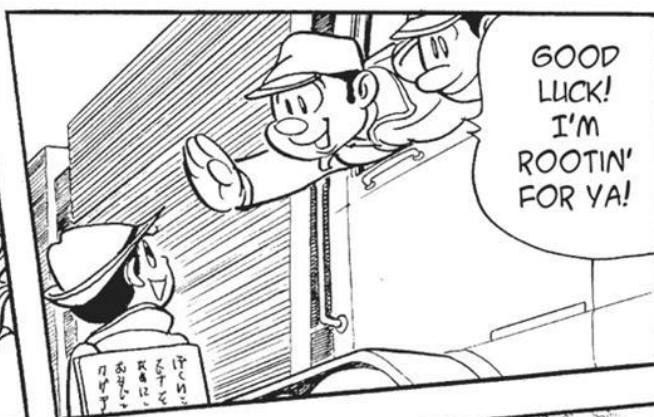
IN
THIS
BOY'S
CASE,

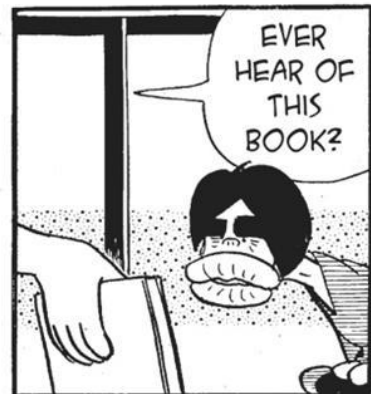


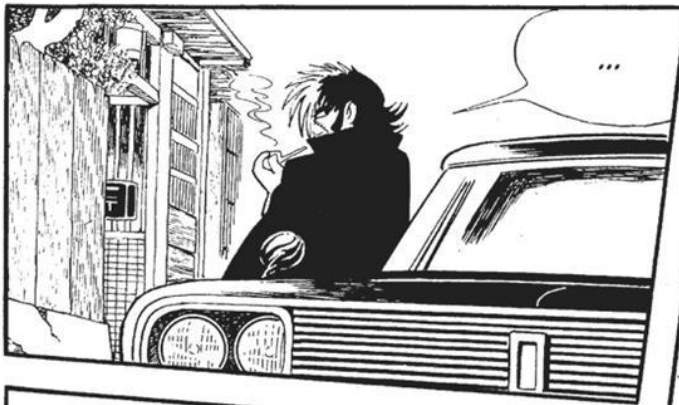
FROM
HIROSHIMA
TO OSAKA,
ON FOOT,

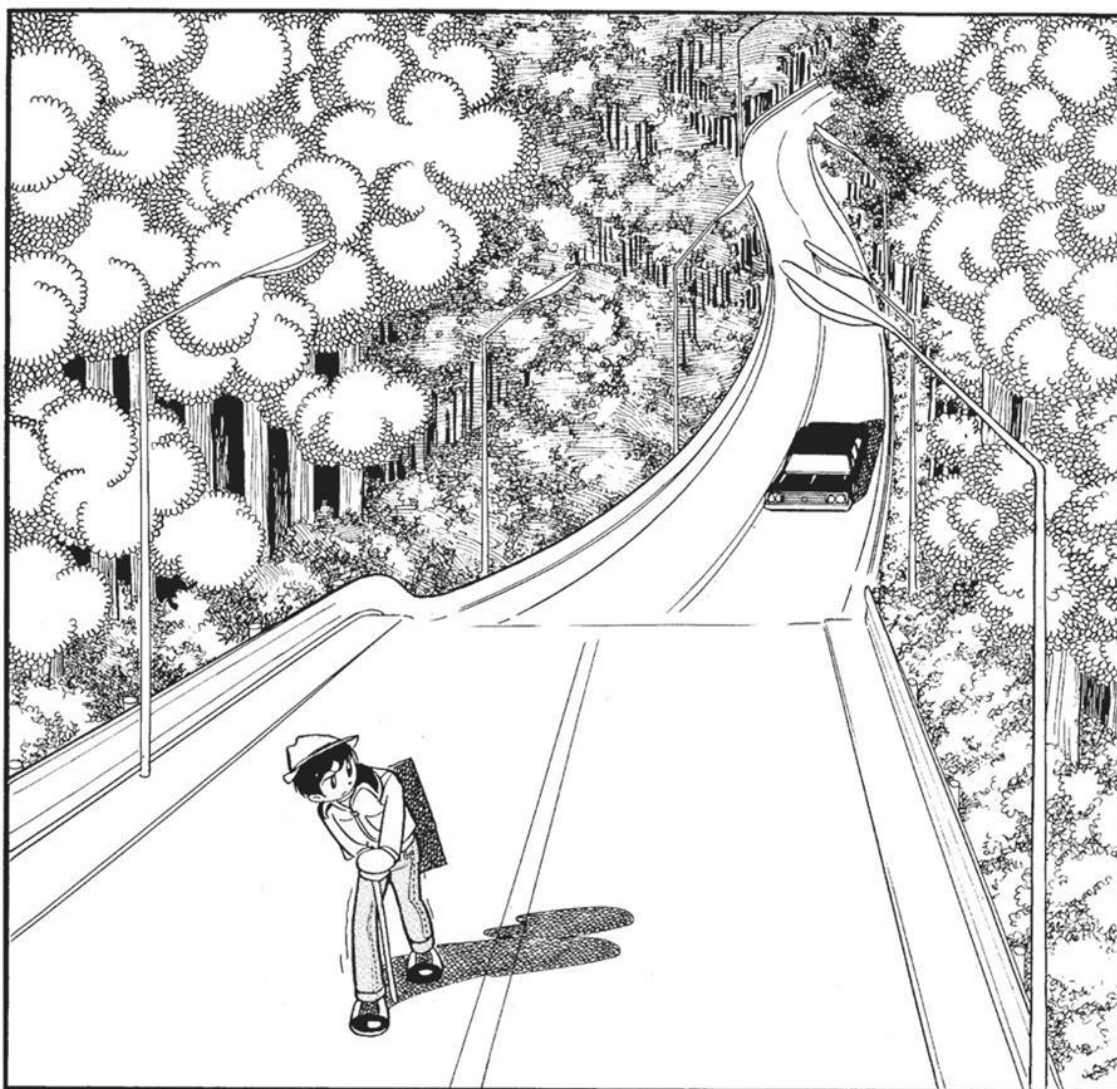


TO
RAISE
AWARE-
NESS
ABOUT
POLIO.

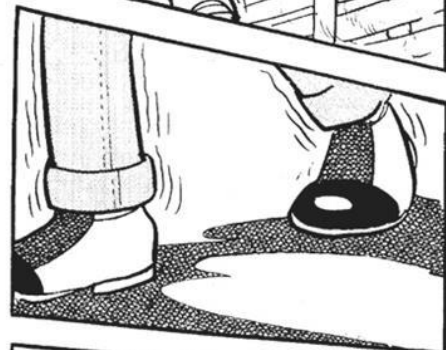
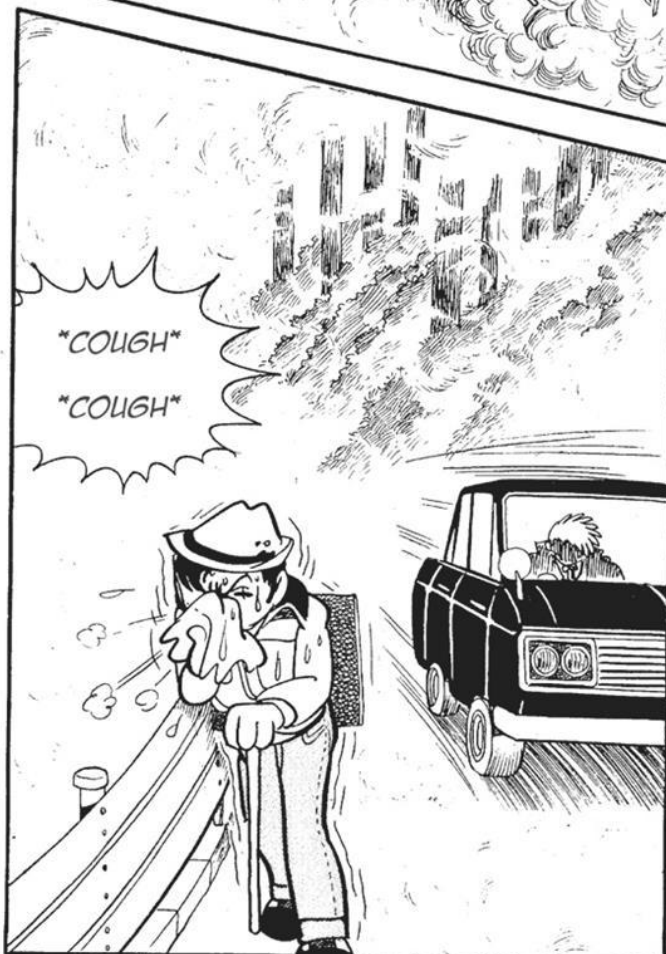


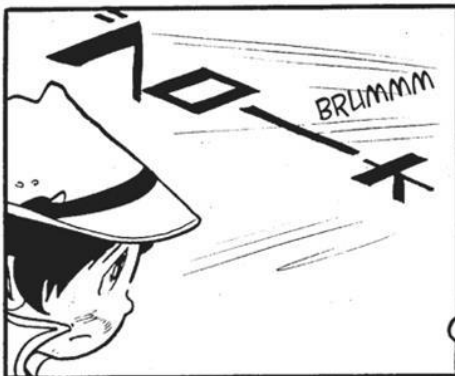
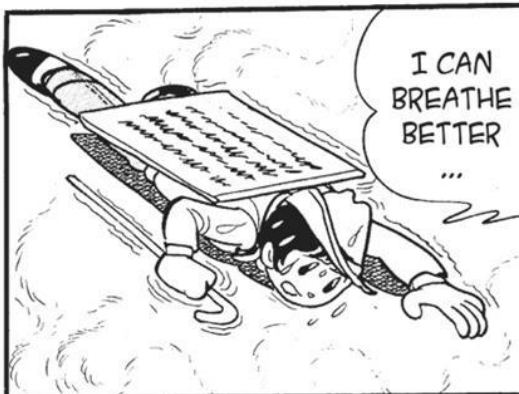
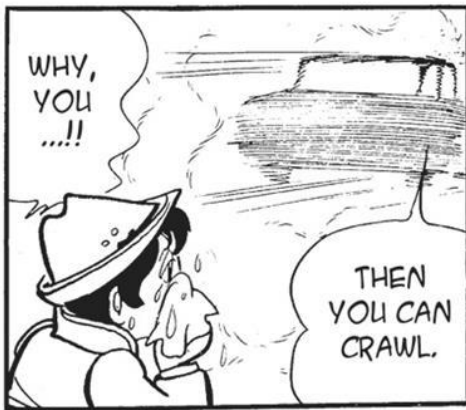


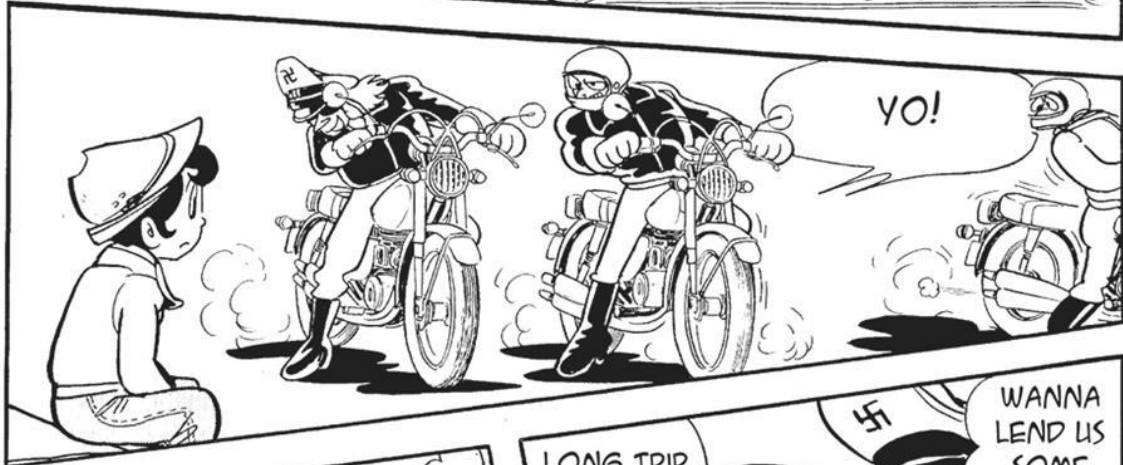
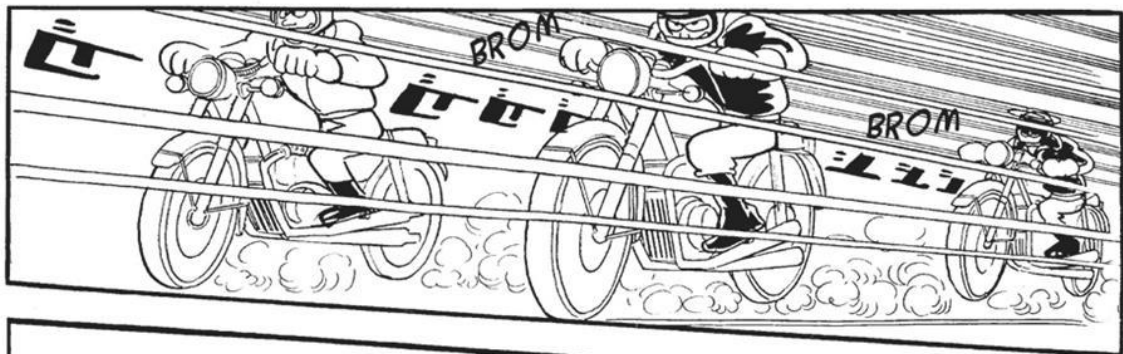


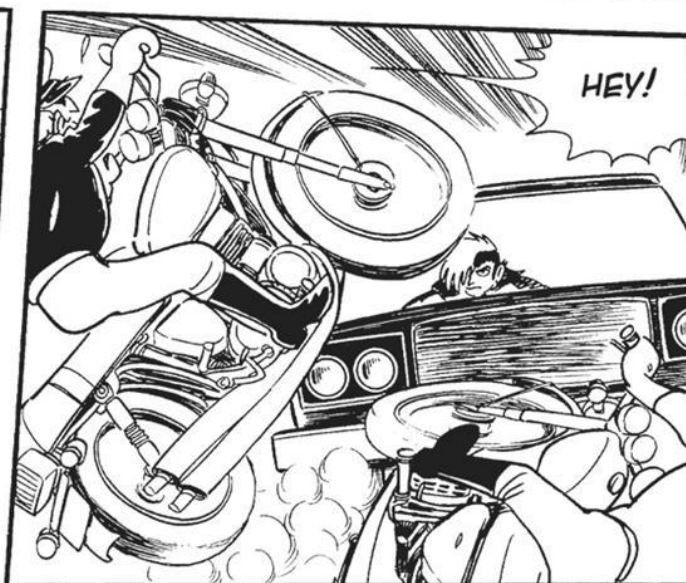
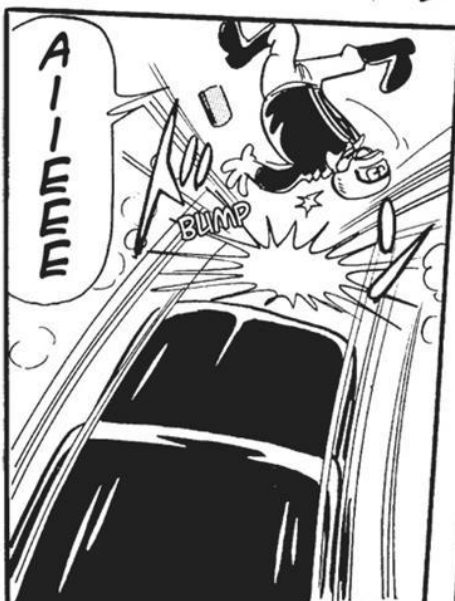
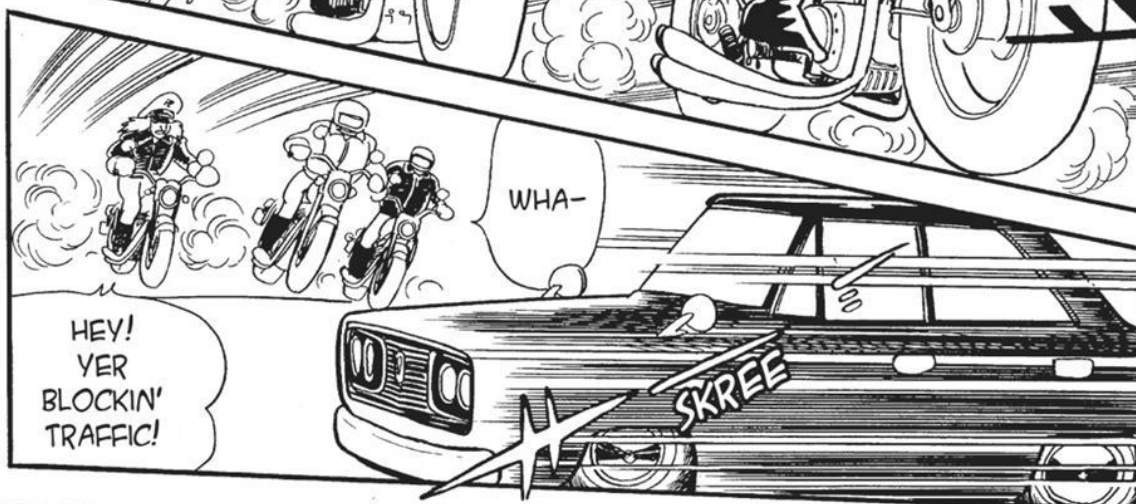
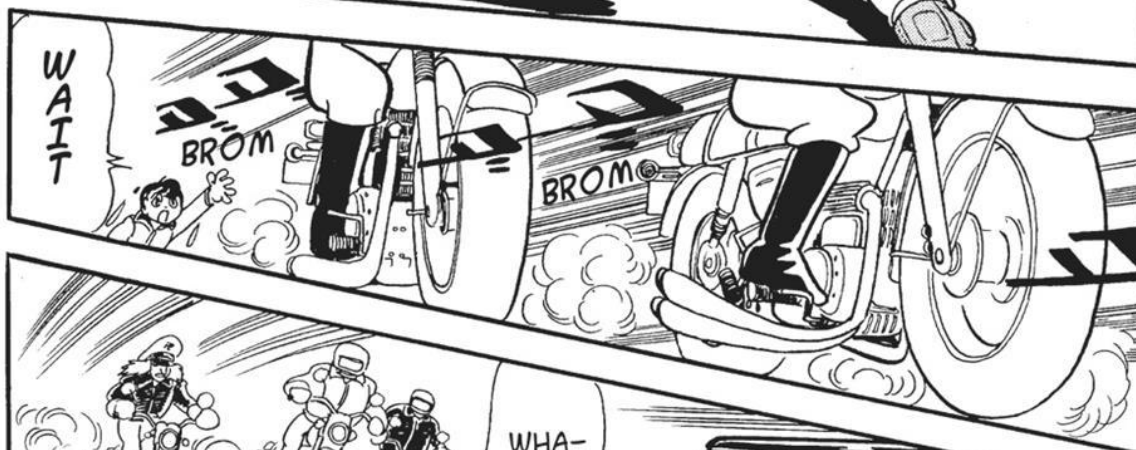


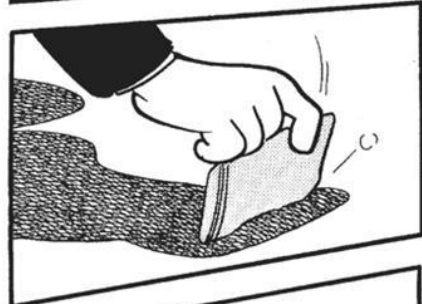
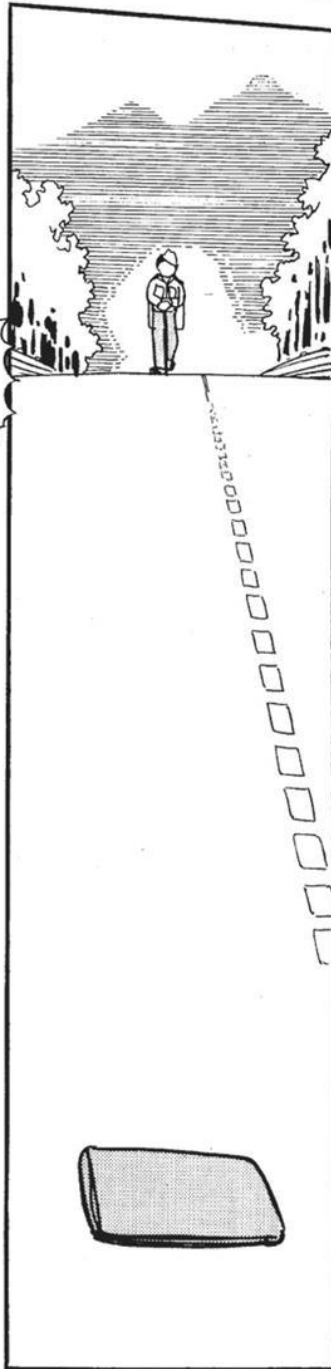
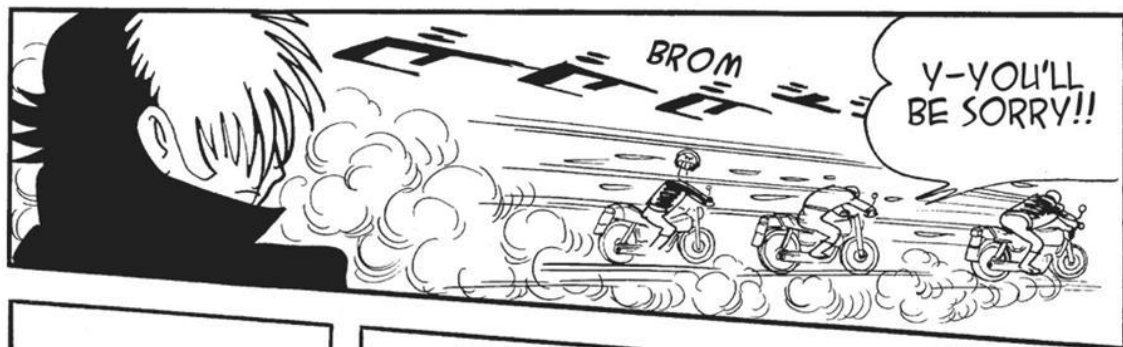


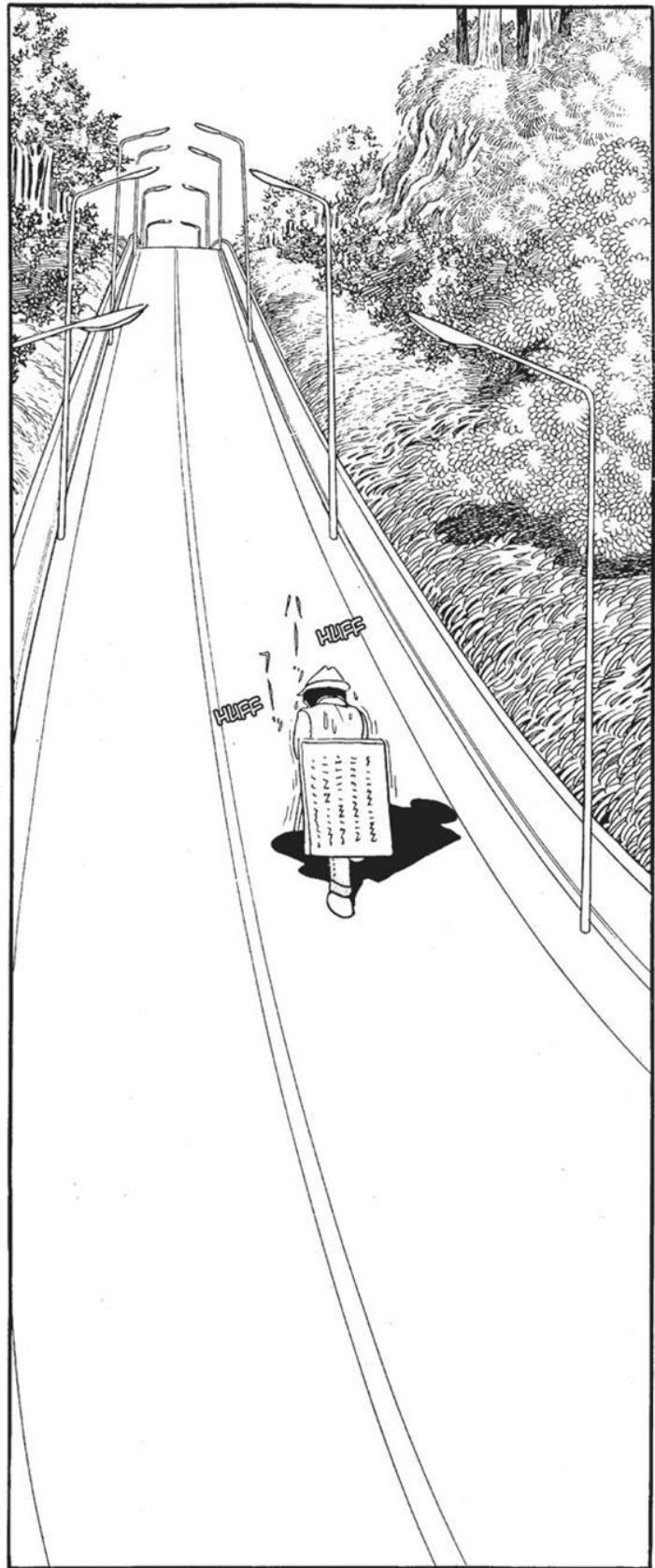


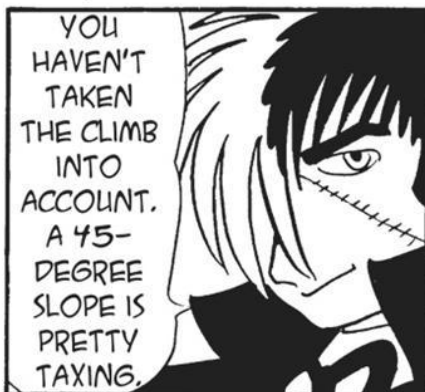
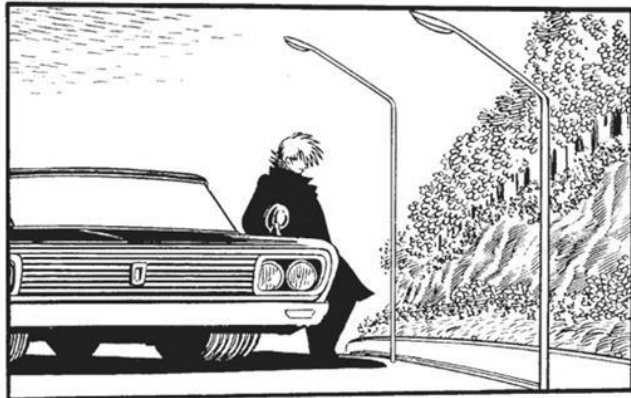




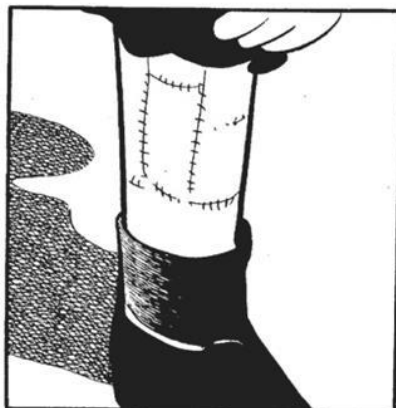


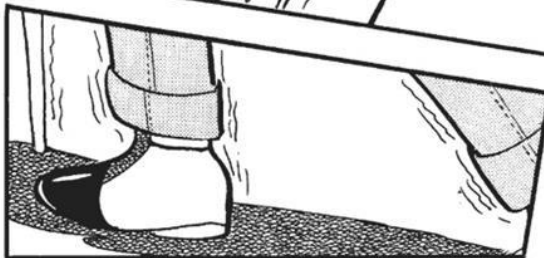


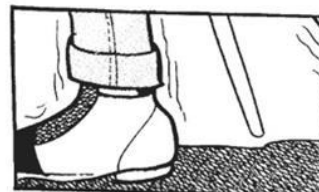
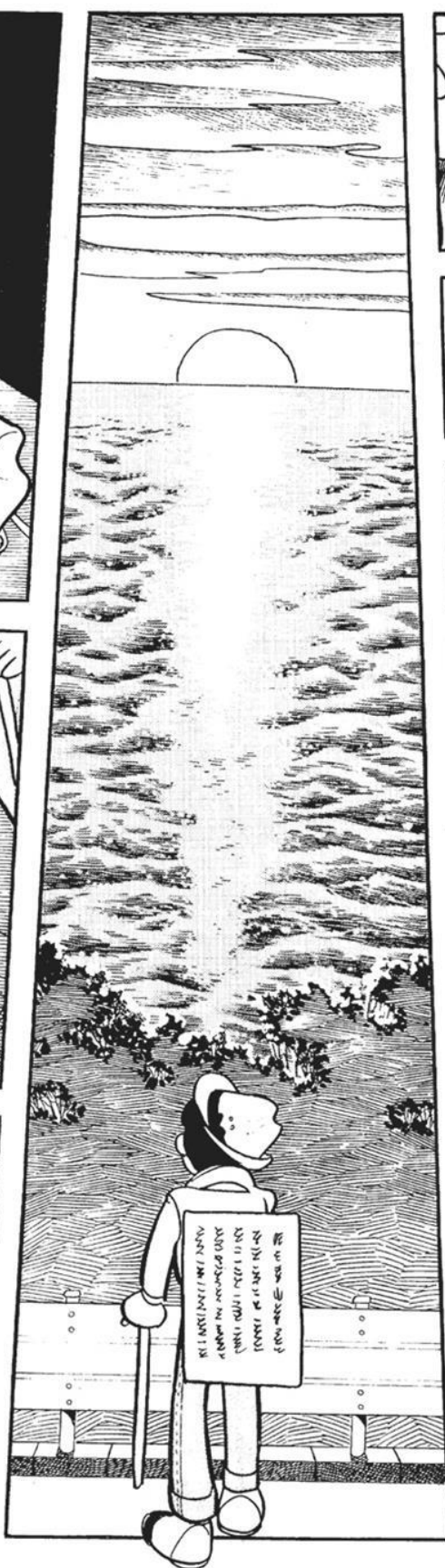


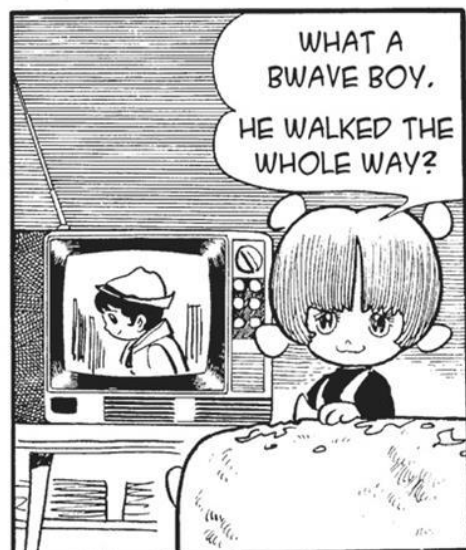








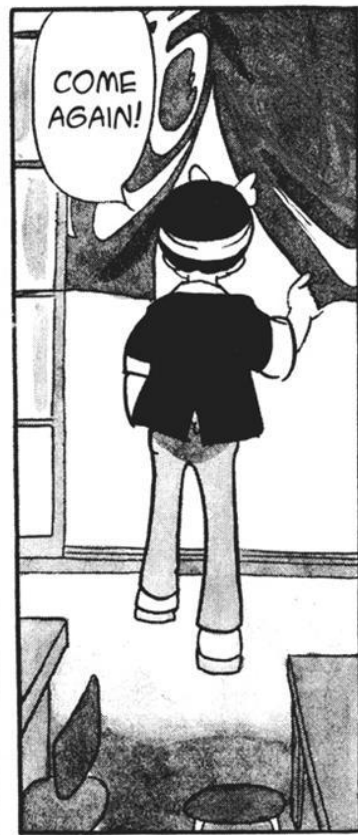
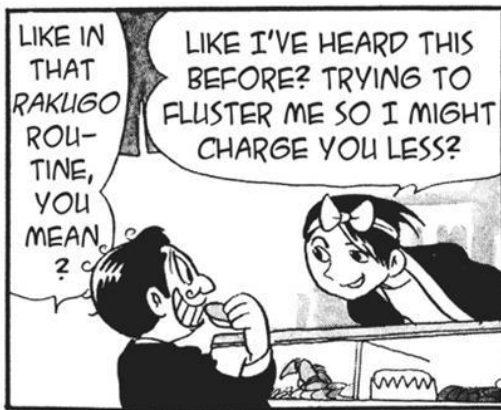




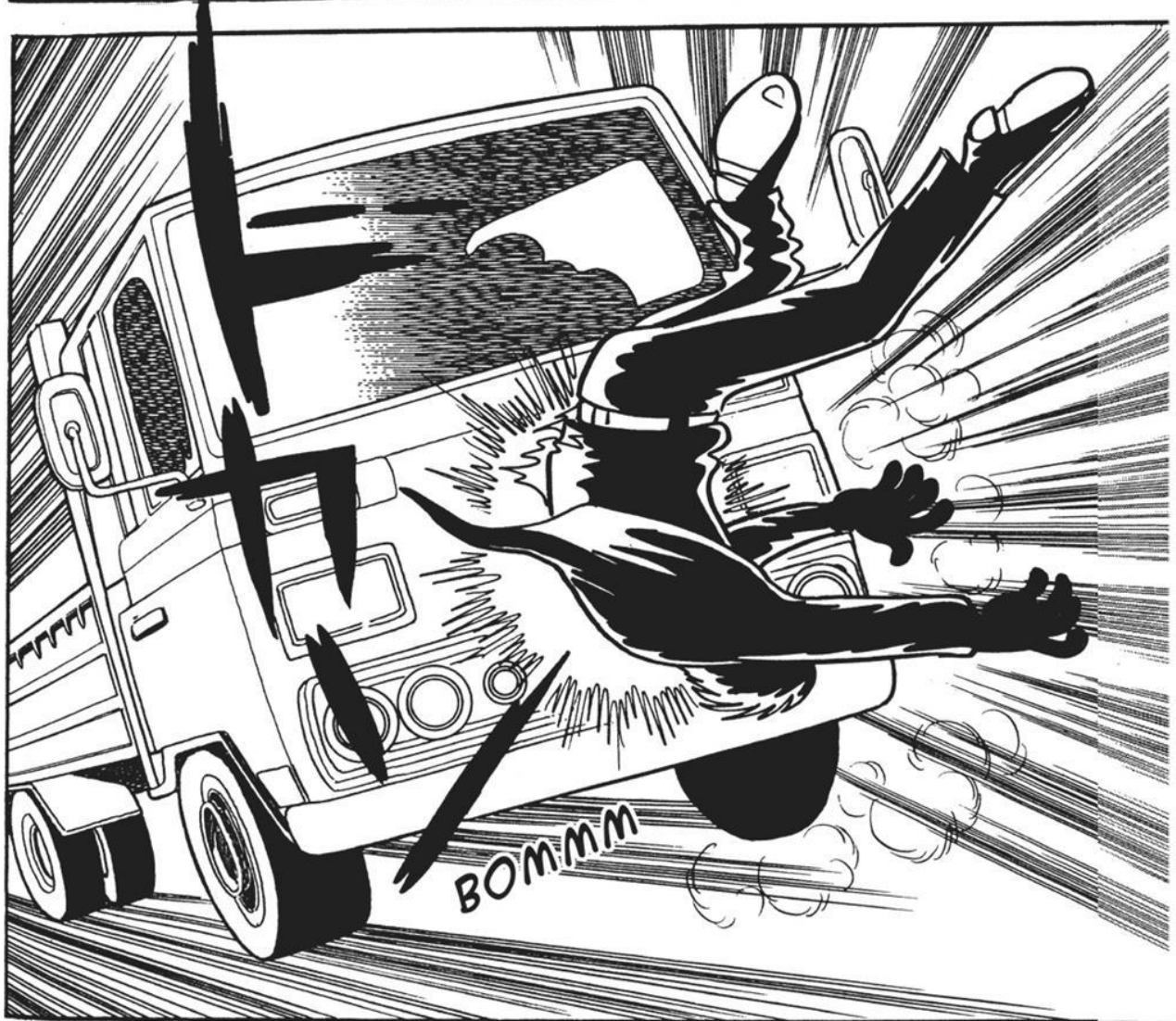
TWO LOVES



NOTE: "TORO" = FATTY TUNA; "HIRAME" = FLOUNDER. THE OTHER NAMES, OBVIOUSLY, ARE JOKES—NOT THE CHEF'S BUT THE AUTHOR'S.



NOTE: RAKUGO IS A TRADITIONAL FORM OF JAPANESE ENTERTAINMENT BY A SINGLE PERFORMER (AKIN TO "STAND-UP COMEDY," BUT THE SPEAKER IS SEATED)









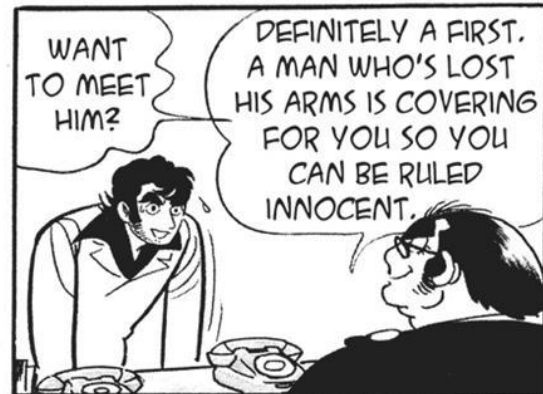
RITSUKO,
WE MAY
NOT BE
ABLE TO
SEE EACH
OTHER
FOR A
WHILE.



OH,
DARLING!
A GOOD
MAN LIKE
YOU...
WHY?!

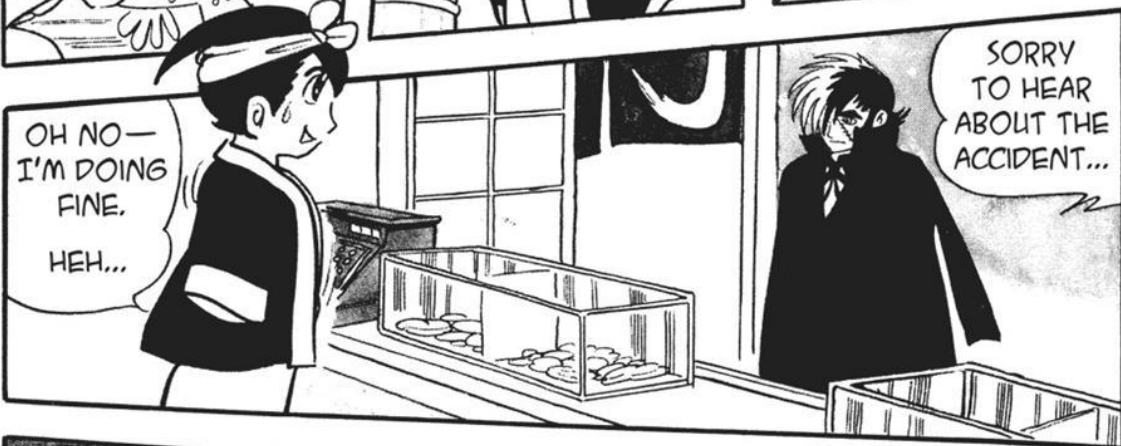


PLAIN BAD LUCK.
I WASN'T DRUNK,
AND I HADN'T
DOZED OFF EITHER.
IT WAS JUST
ONE OF THOSE
THINGS.









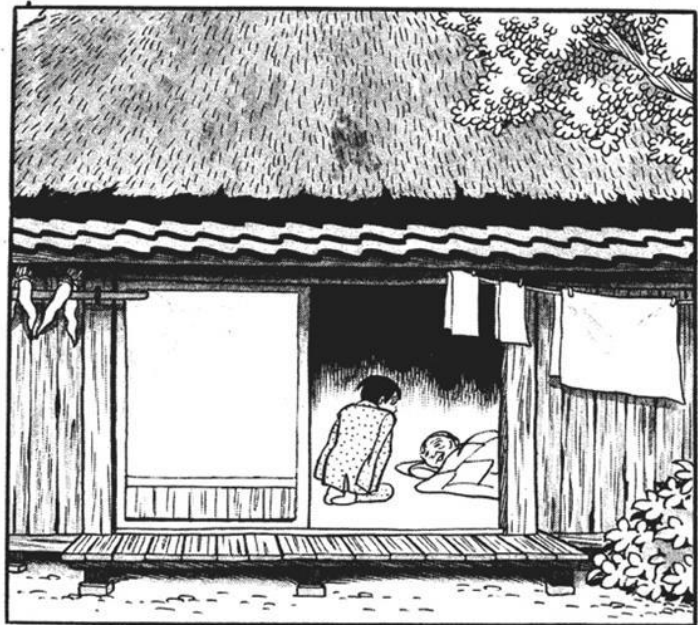




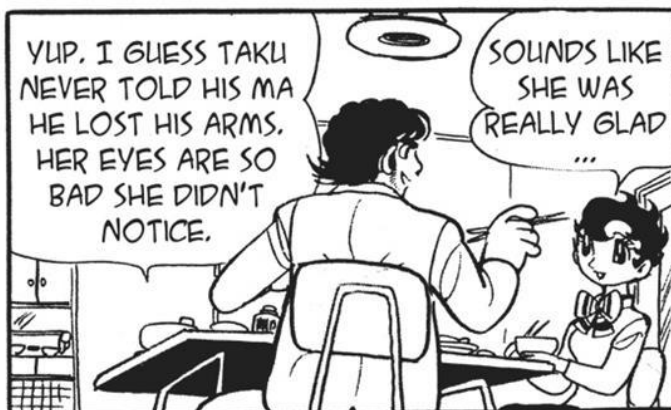




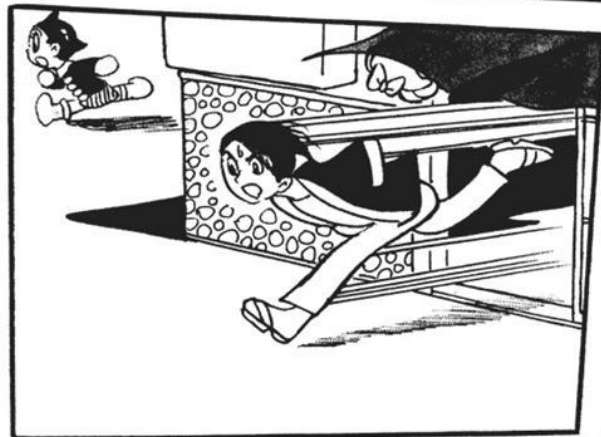
NOTE: "HIKARI," WHICH MEANS SHINE, IS SUSHI-RESTAURANT ARGOT FOR SHINY FISH SERVED WITH THE SKIN, MOST COMMONLY GIZZARD SHAD. CONNOISSEURS BEGIN WITH IT.

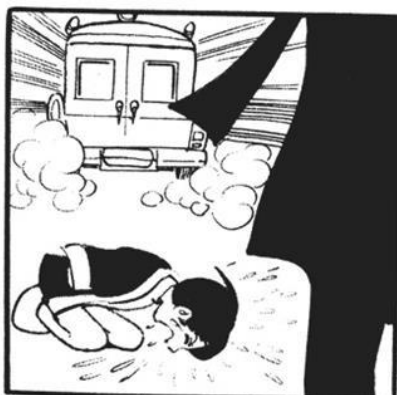
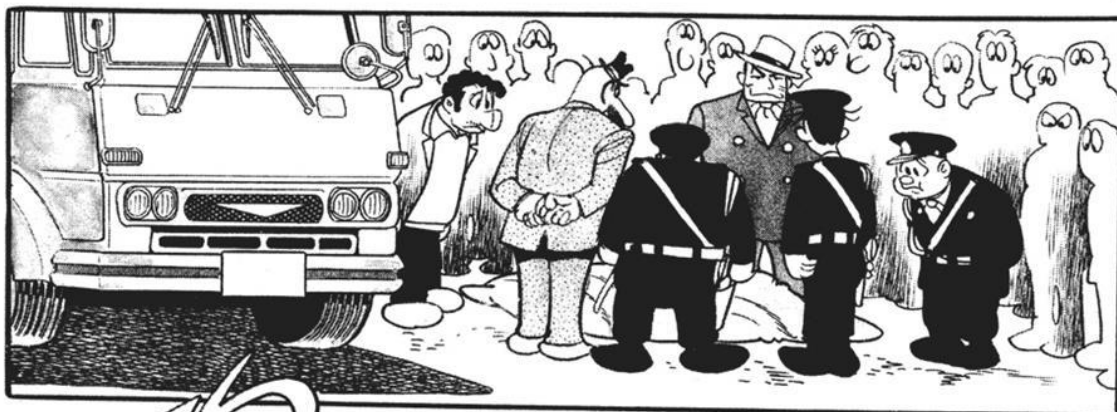


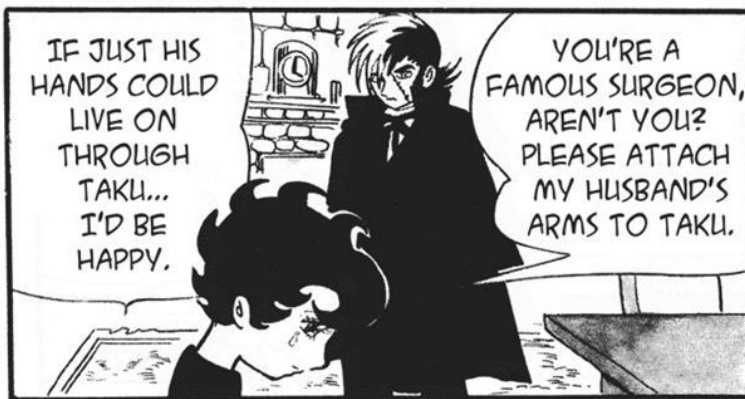


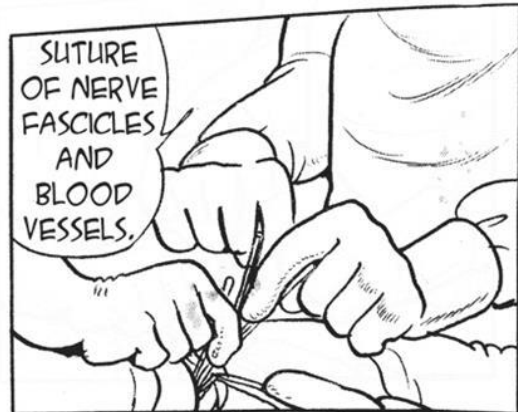
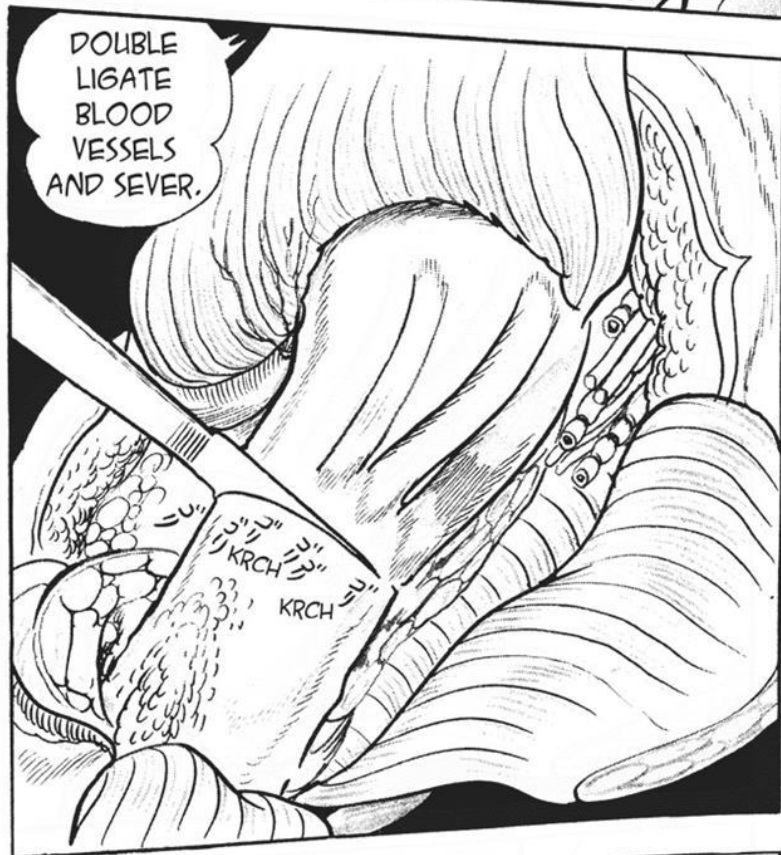
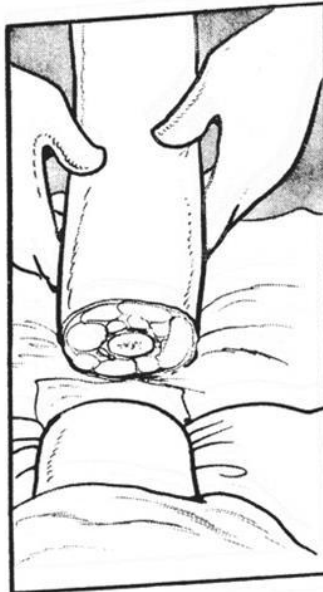
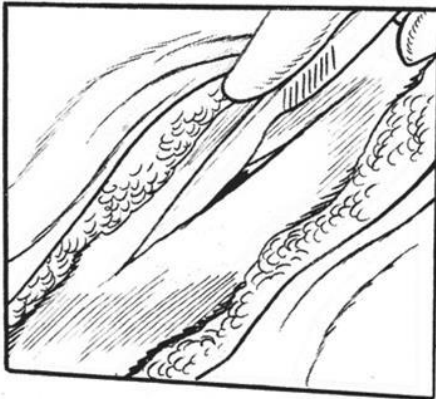


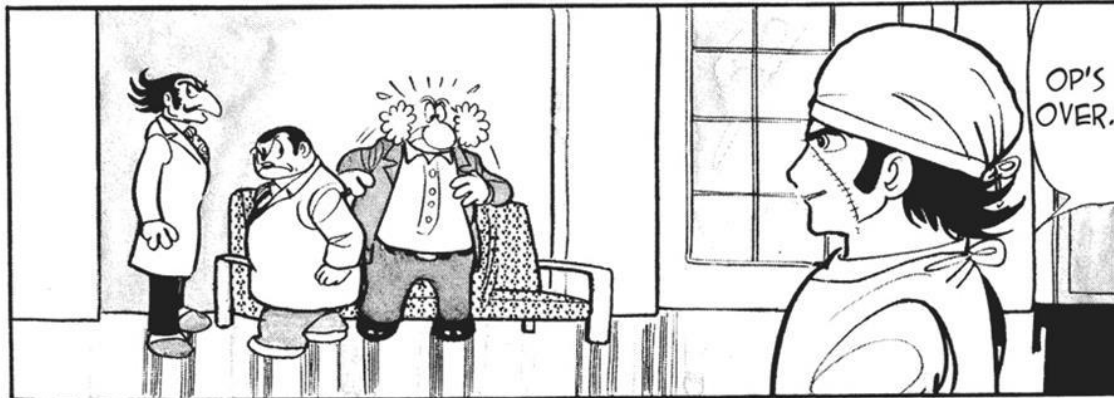
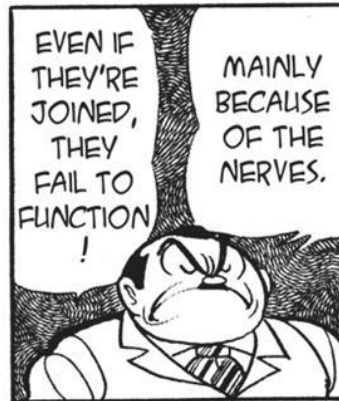
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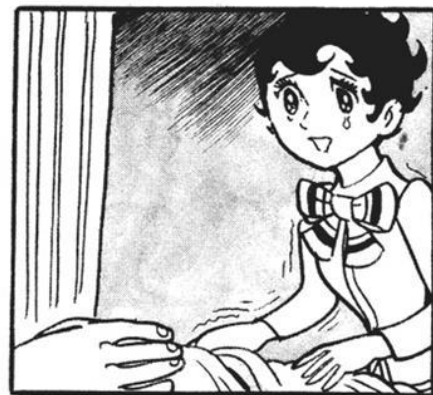
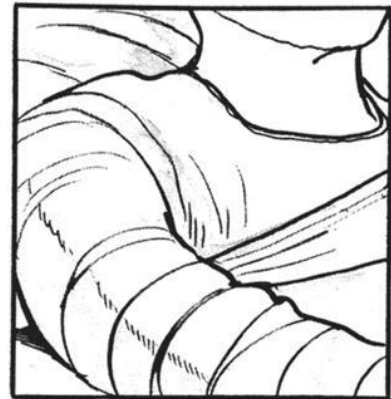


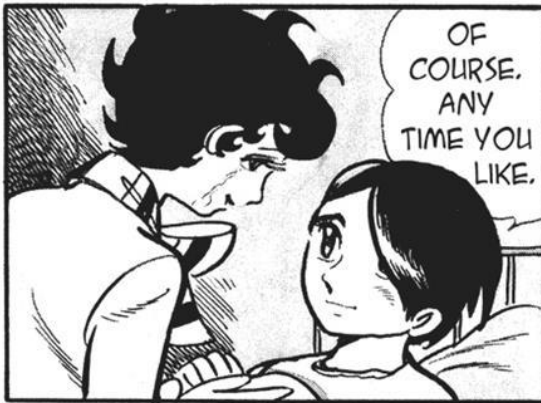












NOTE: IRA'SHAI! = WELCOME!

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